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"STOP...Sonic Time!"

(Sonic Super Special #5):

A young Sonic the Hedgehog performs a mysterious transaction for Tails' birthday. But while the hedgehog's away, the evil Doctor Robotnik will play! The madman's latest device shows Sonic there's no time like the present!

"Zoneward Bound" (Sonic Super Special #9):

Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends have been to many strange and dangerous zones – pocket dimensions where anything can happen. But their years of experience had to start somewhere!

A winter morning romp turns into a surreal adventure for the young Freedom Fighters!

"My Secret Guardian" (Sonic Super Special #9):

She was heir to the throne. He was the next in line of a grand lineage. The young Princess Sally and Knuckles meet for the first time! But when two young, headstrong kids can't meet eye-to-eye, will Knuckles' secret meeting be revealed?

"Eve of Destruction" (Sonic Super Special #9):

It's the beginning of a new partnership - and the beginning of the end! The Prower family is expecting their first child any moment now. But in the shadows, the traitor who will become Dr. Robotnik makes a breakthrough in his sinister plans to conquer Mobius!

"Acension" (Sonic Super Special #11):

Princess Sally finally confronts the Source of All – the mystic substance that has guided her family for generations. What secrets does the glowing pool hold? What futures does it foretell? More importantly: what will Sally do with this insight?

"Solo" (Sonic Super Special #11):

Hershey takes the plunge in her first solo mission deep in enemy territory. Her objective: find out what happened to one of her missing squad mates! What fate has befallen Valdez? And will Hershey survive long enough to make her report?

"Family" (Sonic Super Special #11):

Lupe leads the Wolf Pack Freedom Fighters on the last leg of their long journey home, but it's not the happy ending they expected. Amid the ruins arise familiar faces and a threat to the last of Lupe's kind!

"Upgrade" (Sonic Super Special #11):

Bunnie Rabbot has dreamed of becoming normal ever since she was half-roboticized. Those dreams may be dashed, though, as she receives dire news. Now she must make the hardest decision in her life.

"Shadows" (Sonic Super Special #11):

Julie-Su – ex-Dark Legionnaire, Knuckles' partner... but who is she really? Not even she knows! Now she must comb the remains of a Dark Legion base to find the answers to her life. What she finds not only reveals her origin, but the sinister secrets of the Dark Legion's leadership!

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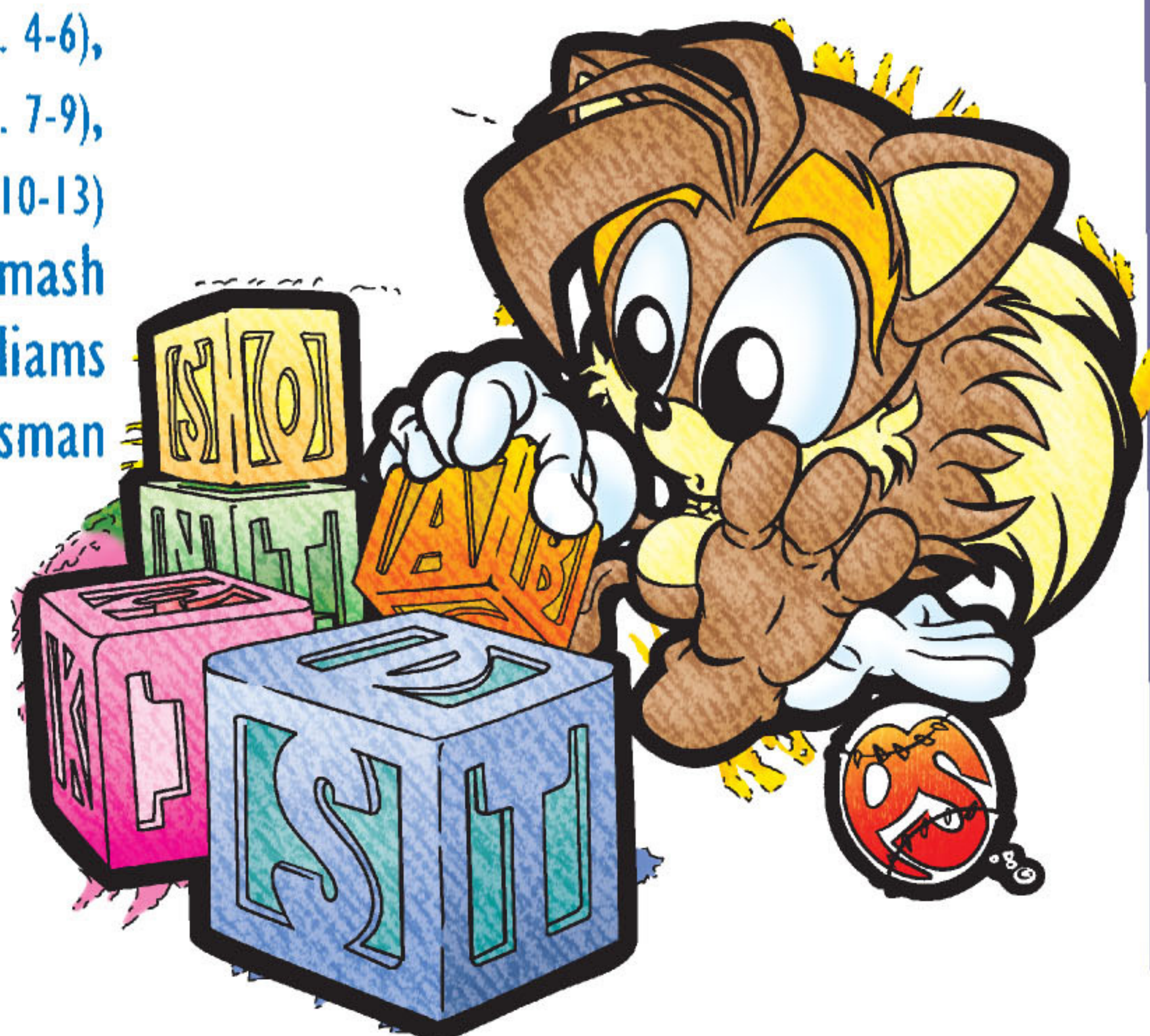
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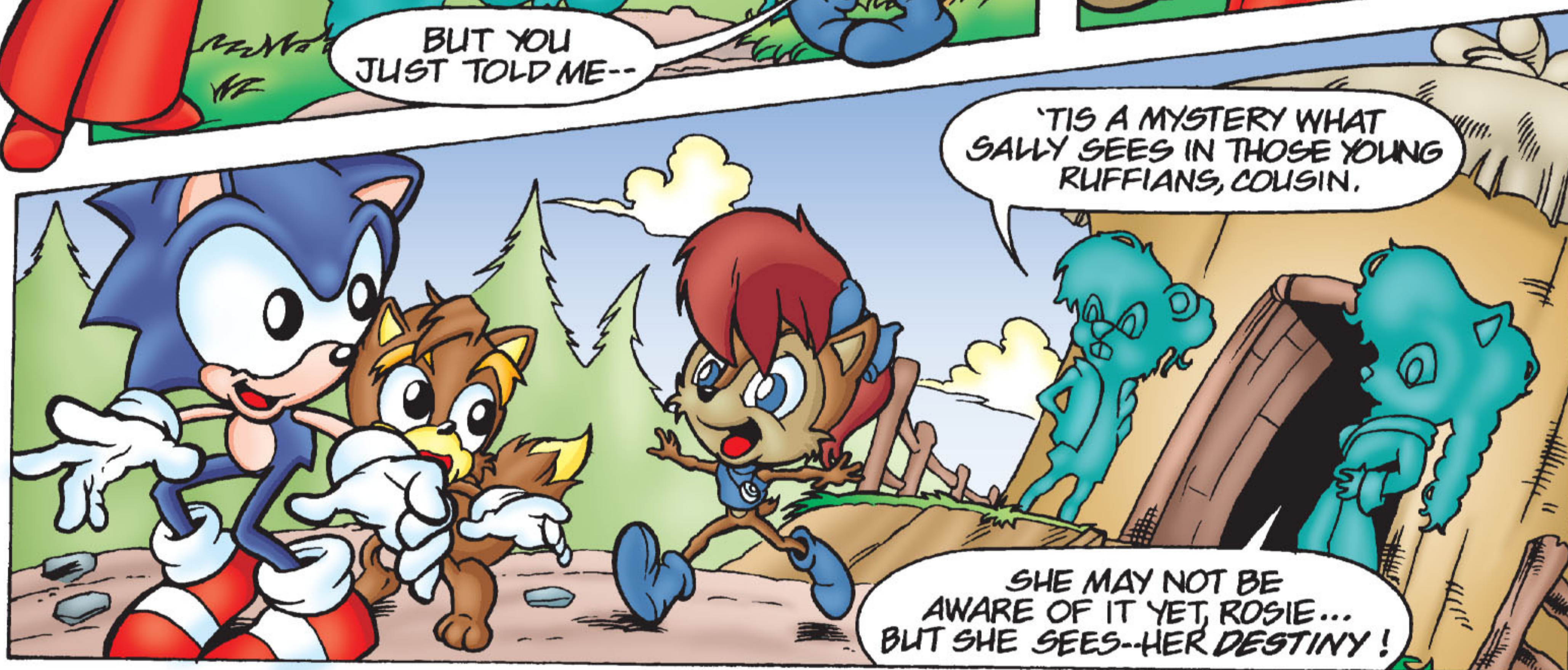
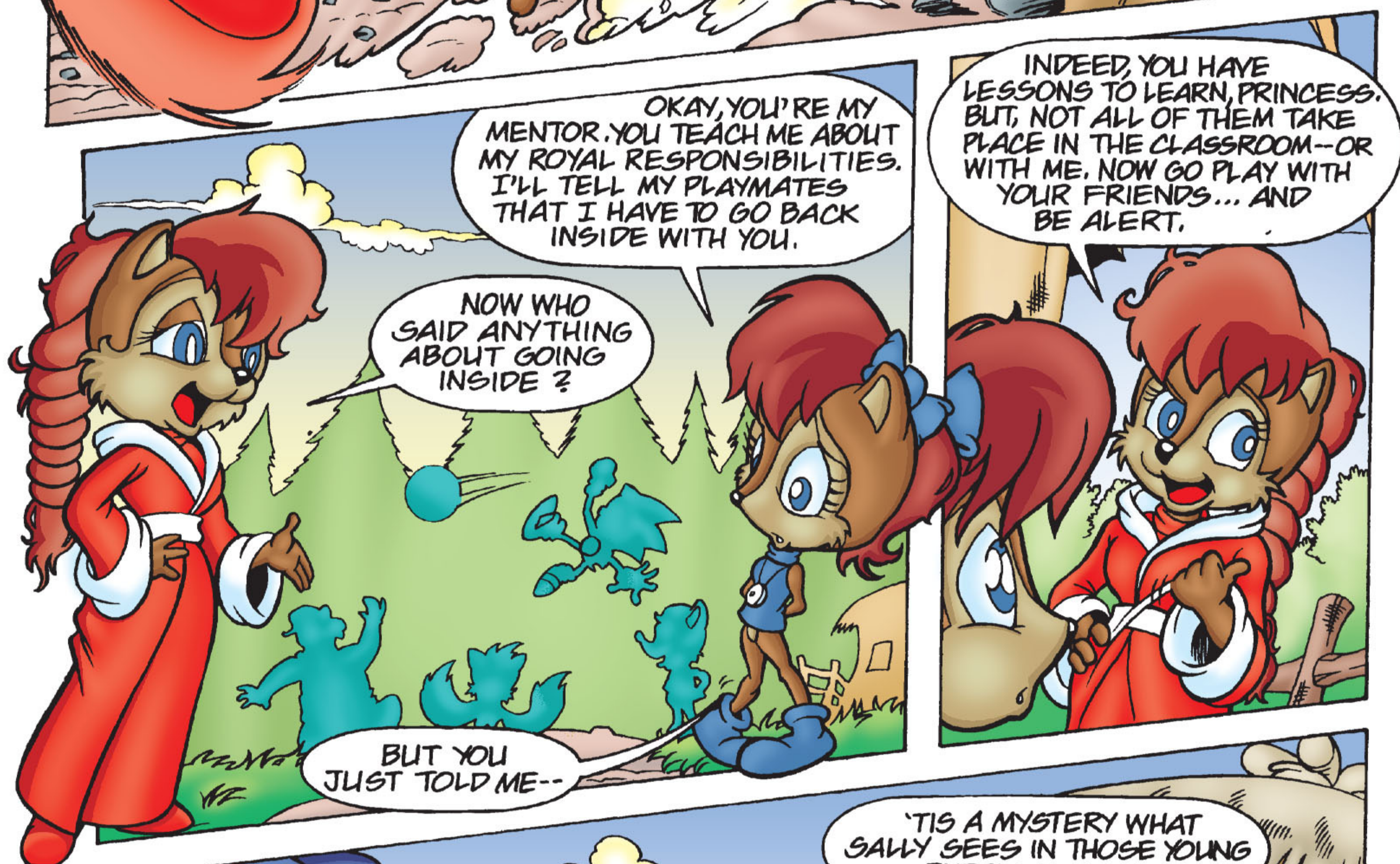
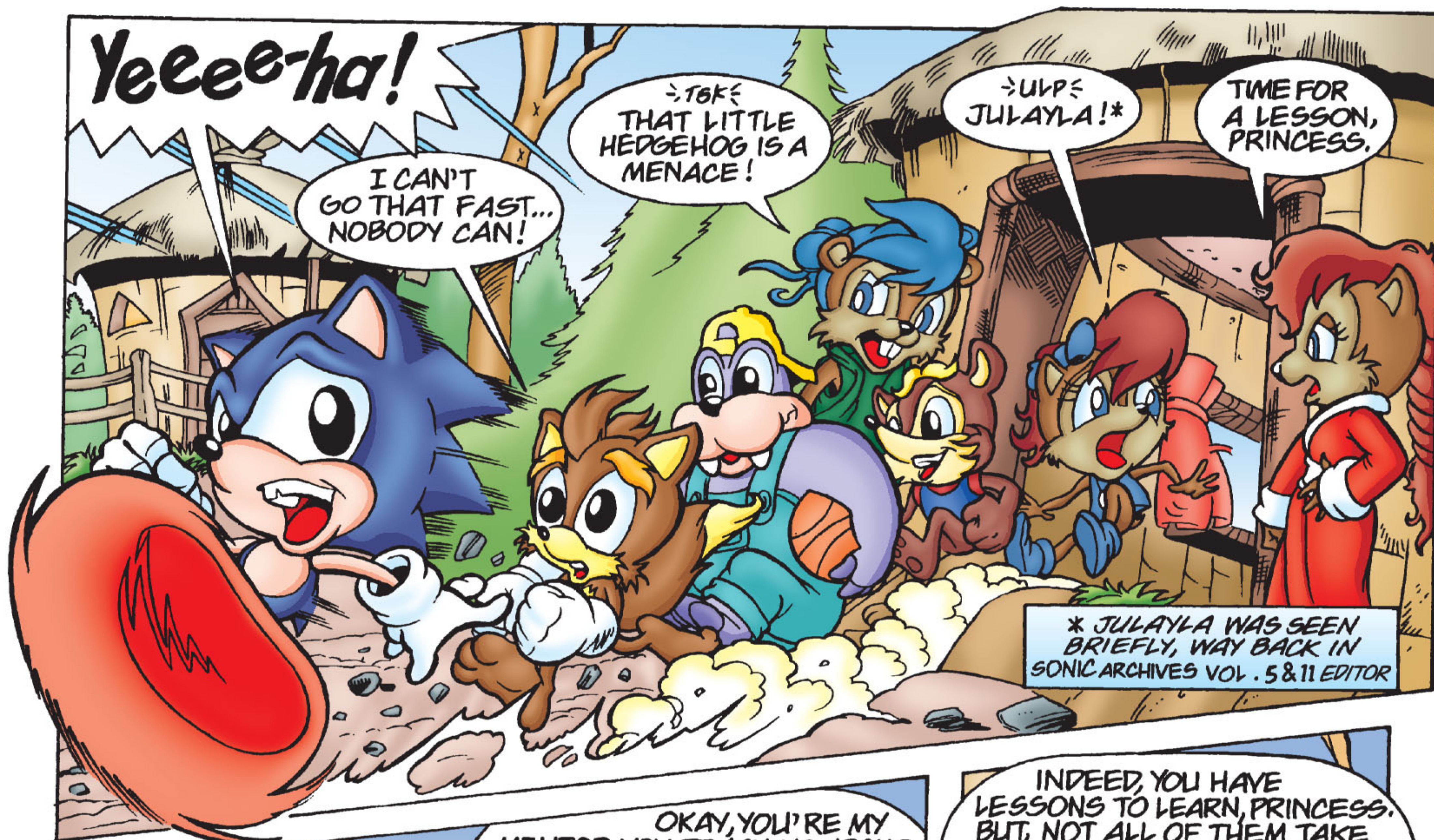
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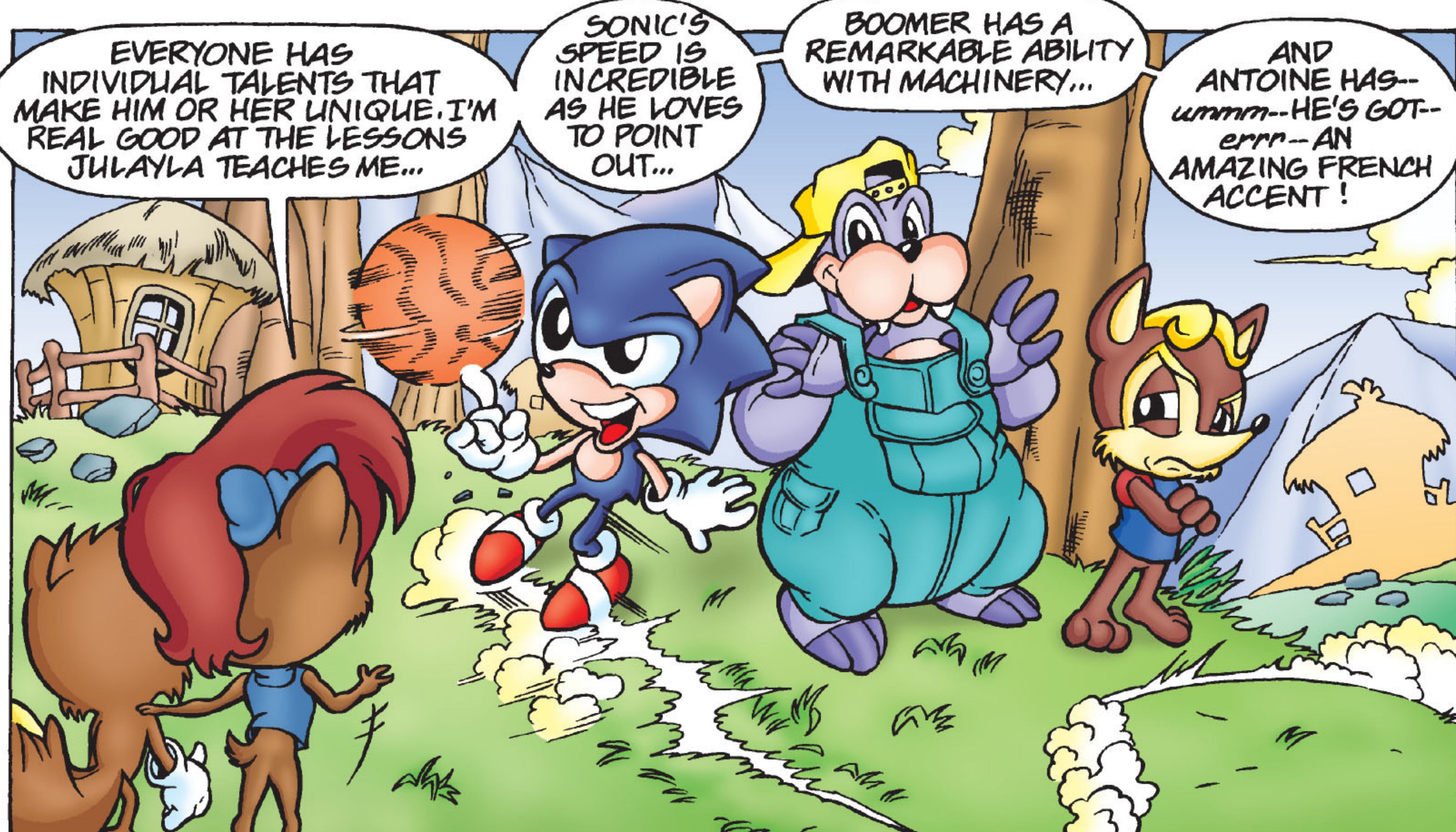
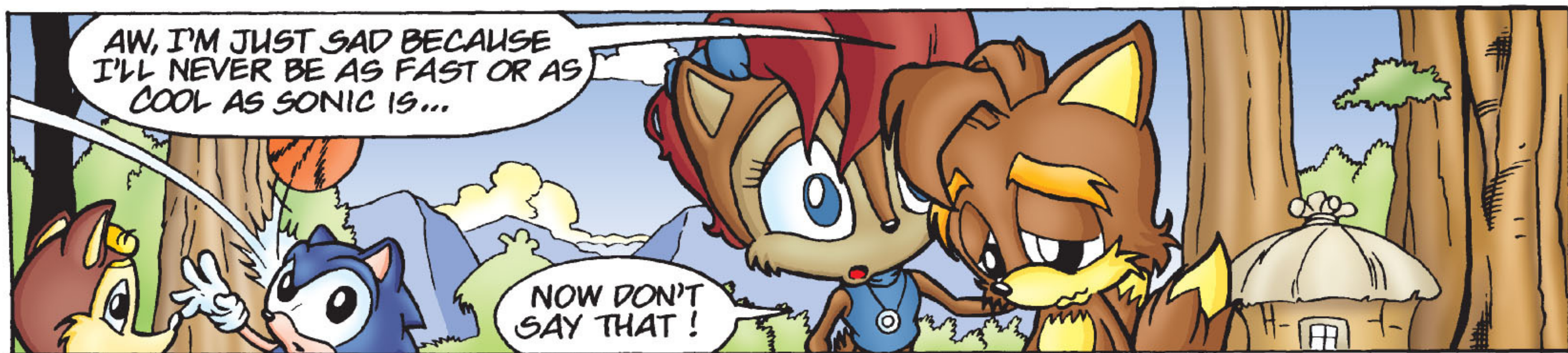
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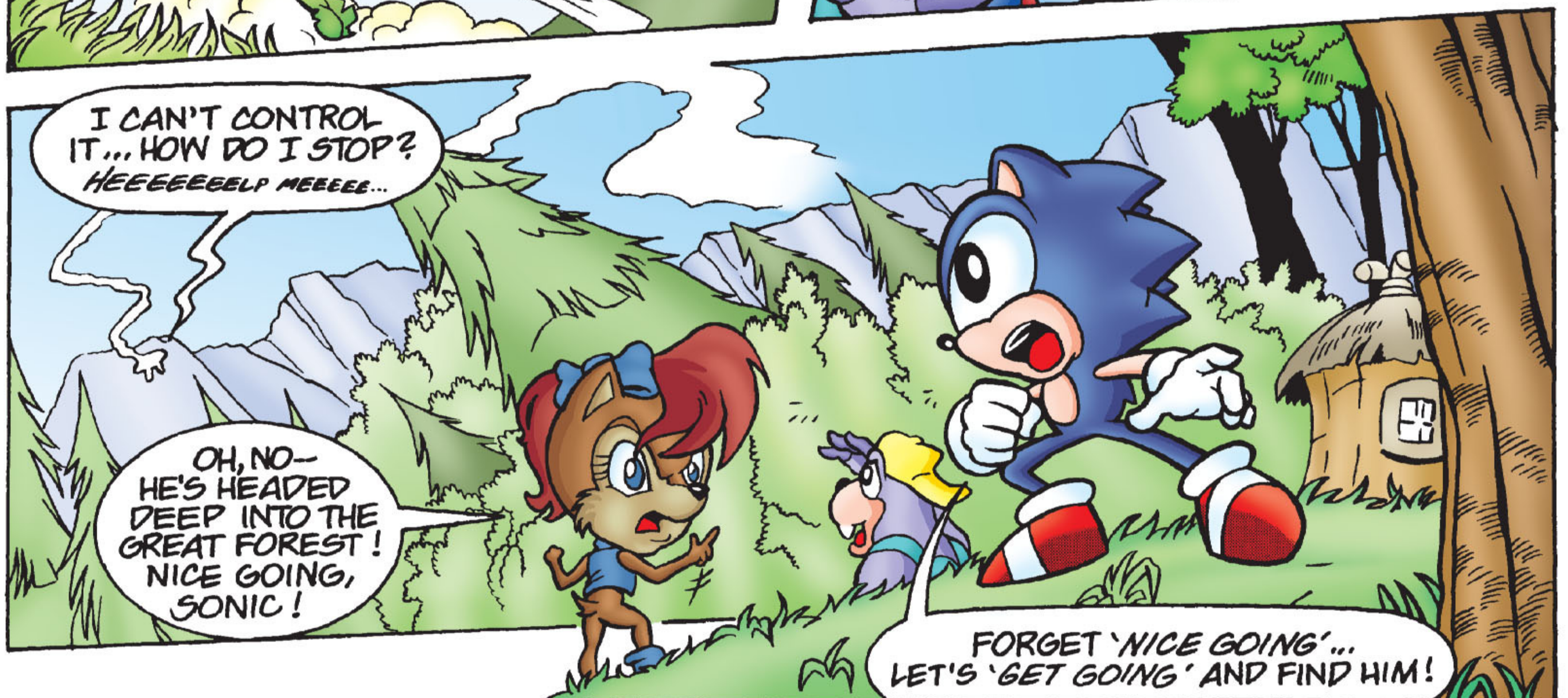
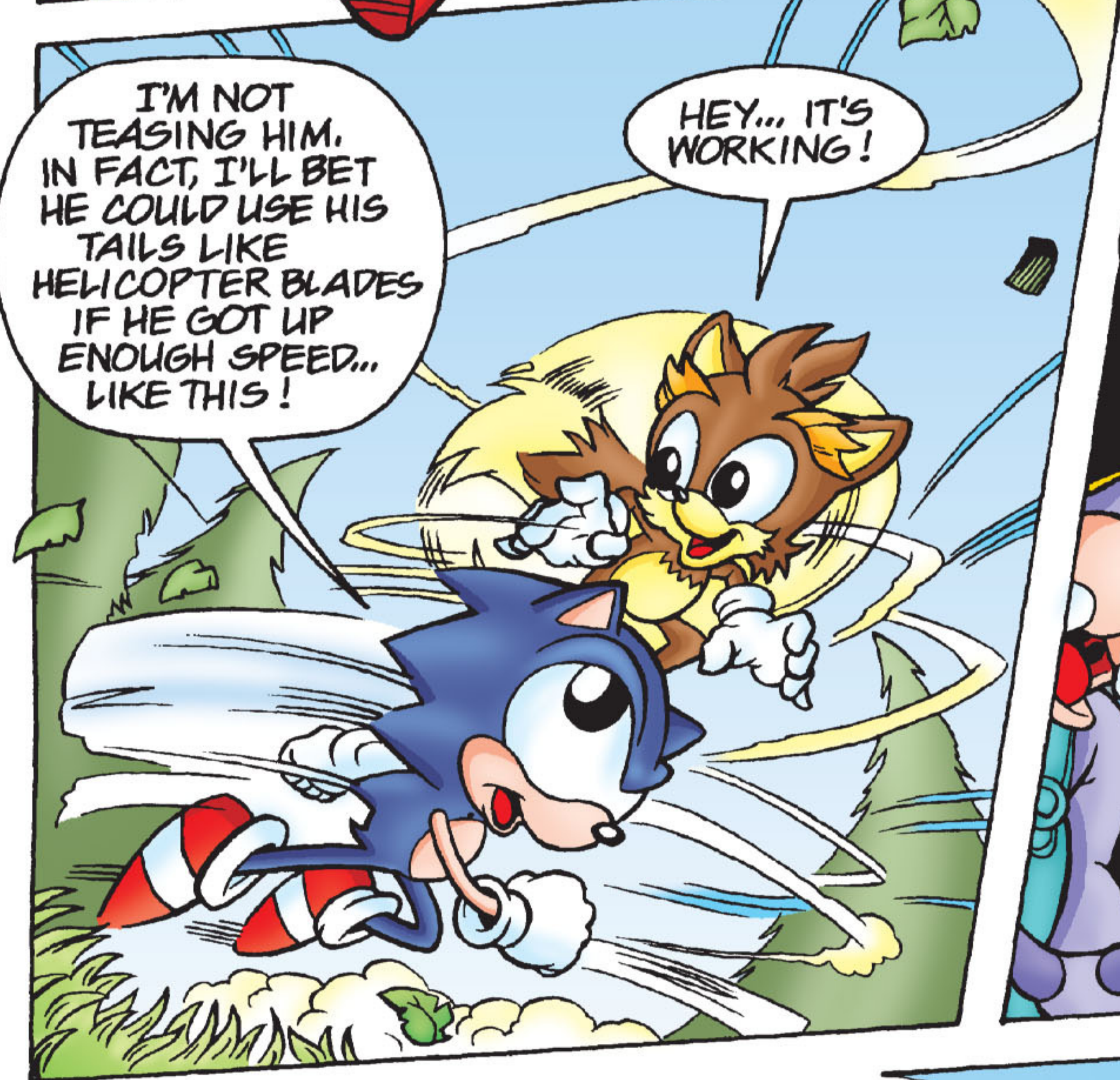
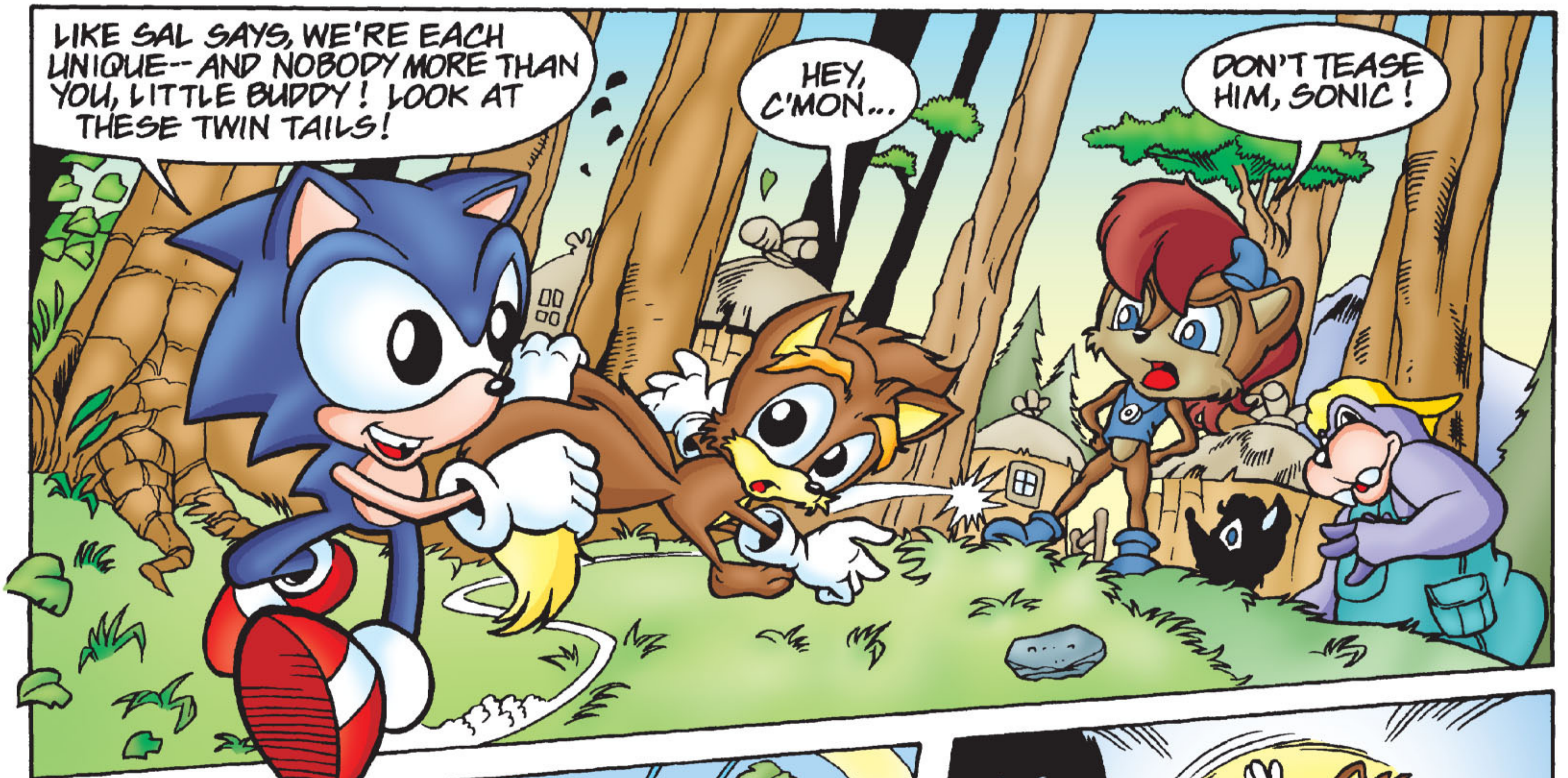
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ACCORDING TO THIS SEXTANT* I MADE OUT OF TWIGS AND VINES, TALES SHOULD HAVE LANDED RIGHT NEAR HERE.

YOU'RE MIGHTY HANDY TO HAVE AROUND, BOOMER.

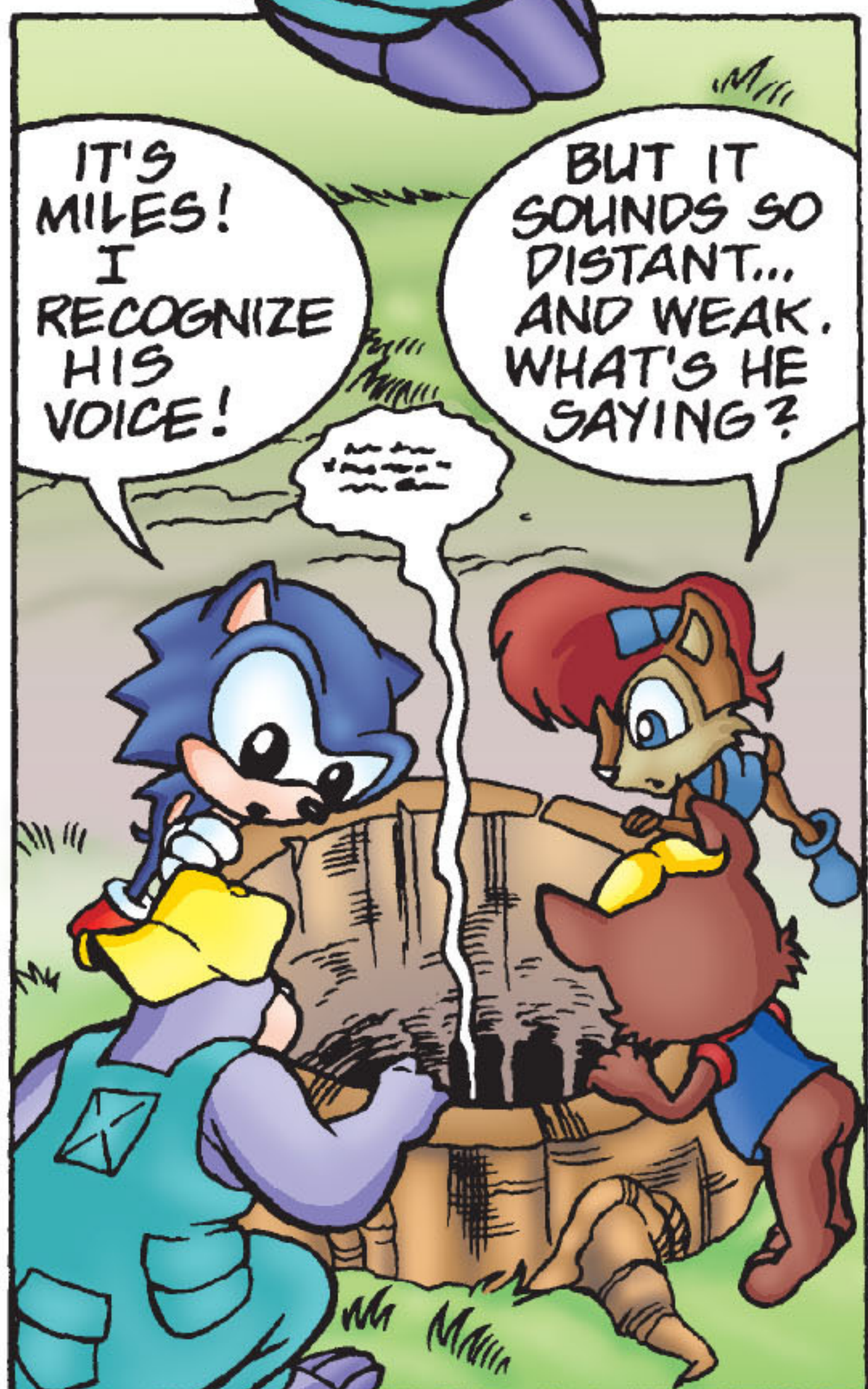
SPEAKEENG, OF HANDS, I COULD USE ONE!

* AN INSTRUMENT USED TO MEASURE ALTITUDES OF CELESTIAL BODIES. "EDITORIAL SCHOLAR"



YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT I CAN MAKE IN MY WORKSHOP. I'VE GOT AN IDEA FOR A HAND HELD COMPUTER CALLED NICO--

Shhhh! I THINK I HEAR SOMETHING... OVER BY THAT HOLLOW TREE STUMP!



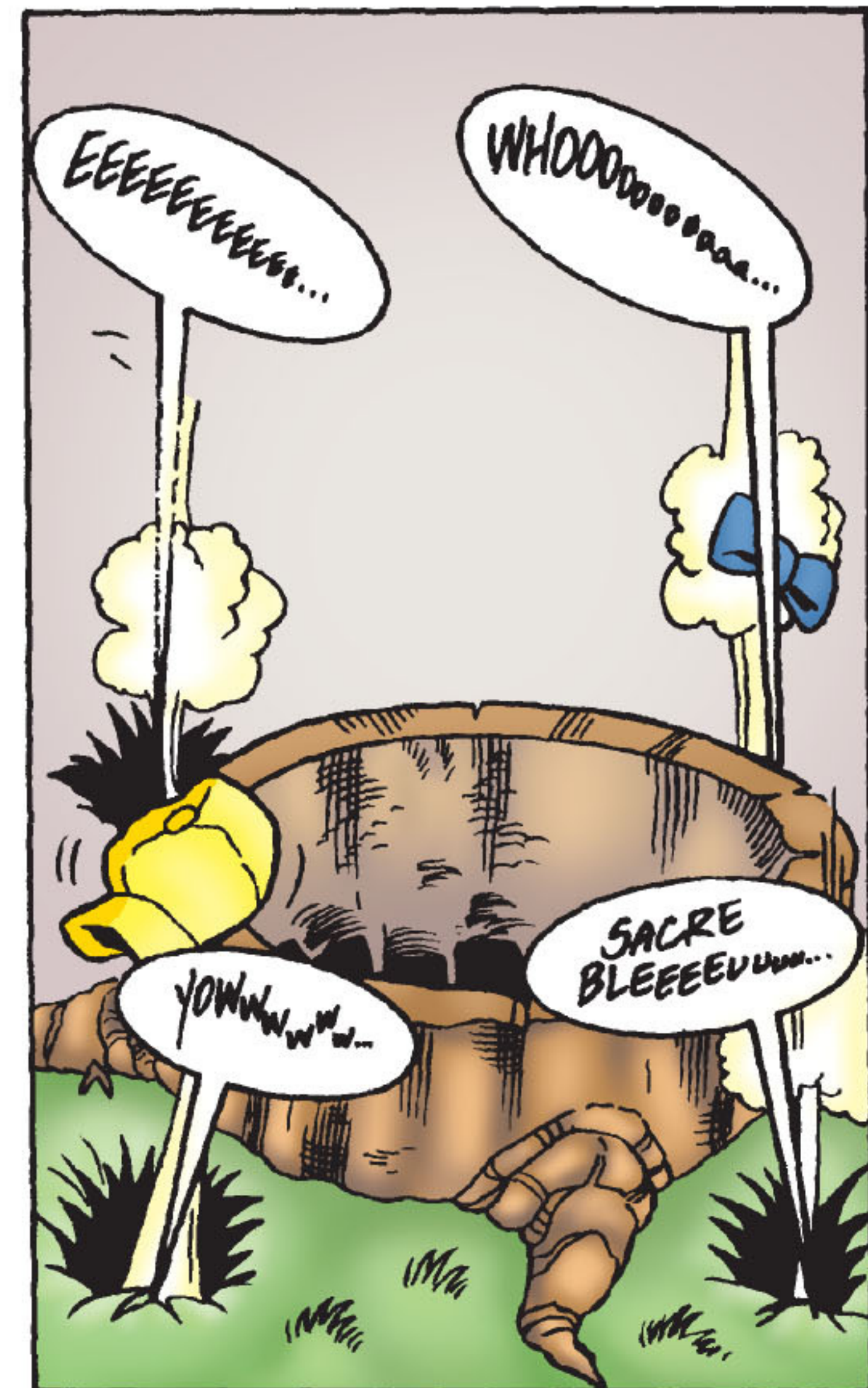
IT'S MILES! I RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE!

BUT IT SOUNDS SO DISTANT... AND WEAK. WHAT'S HE SAYING?



EET SOUNDS LIKE HE SAID, "GET AWAY FROM ZEE STUMP... ZEE GROUND IS UNSTABLE!"

Uh-oh.

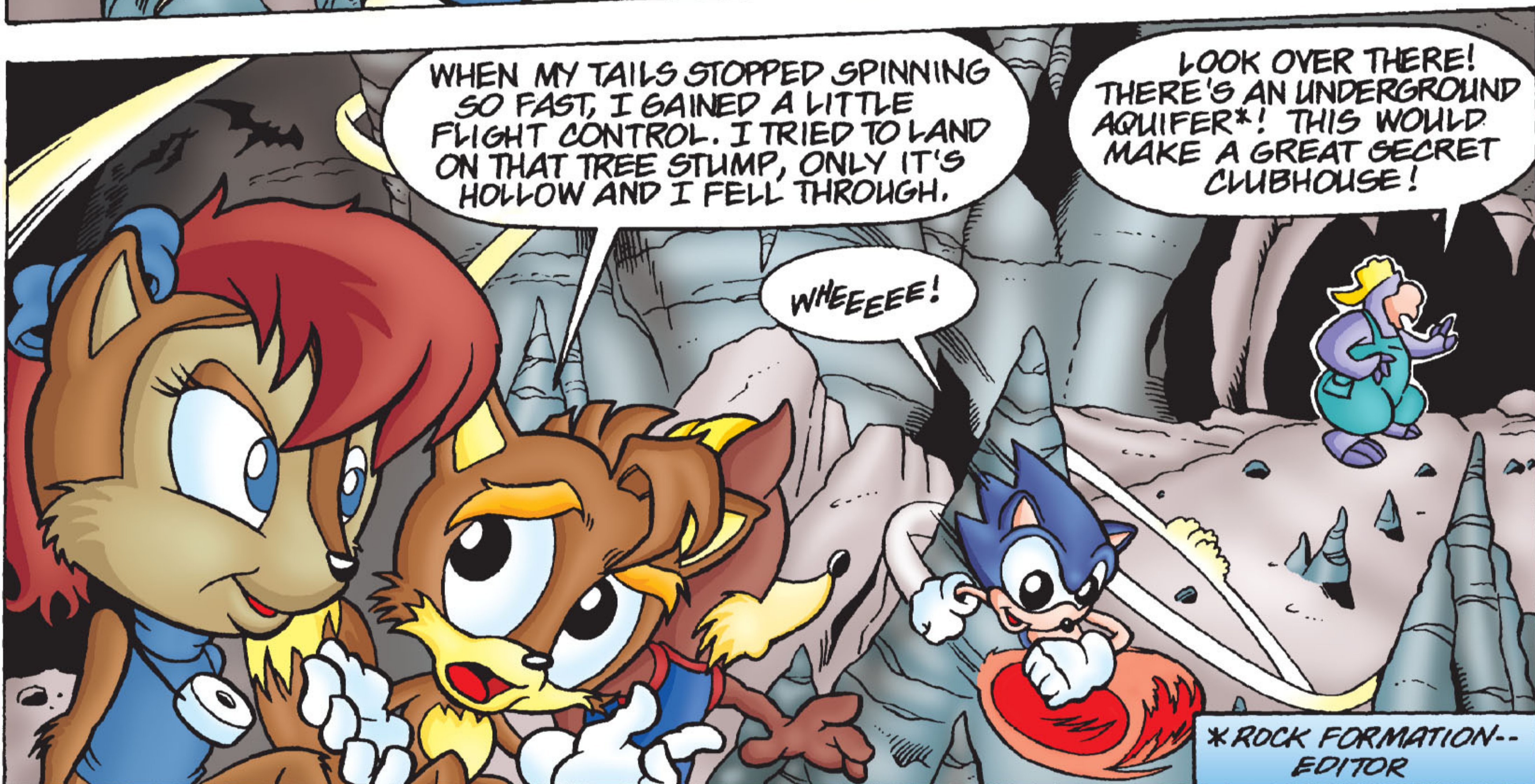


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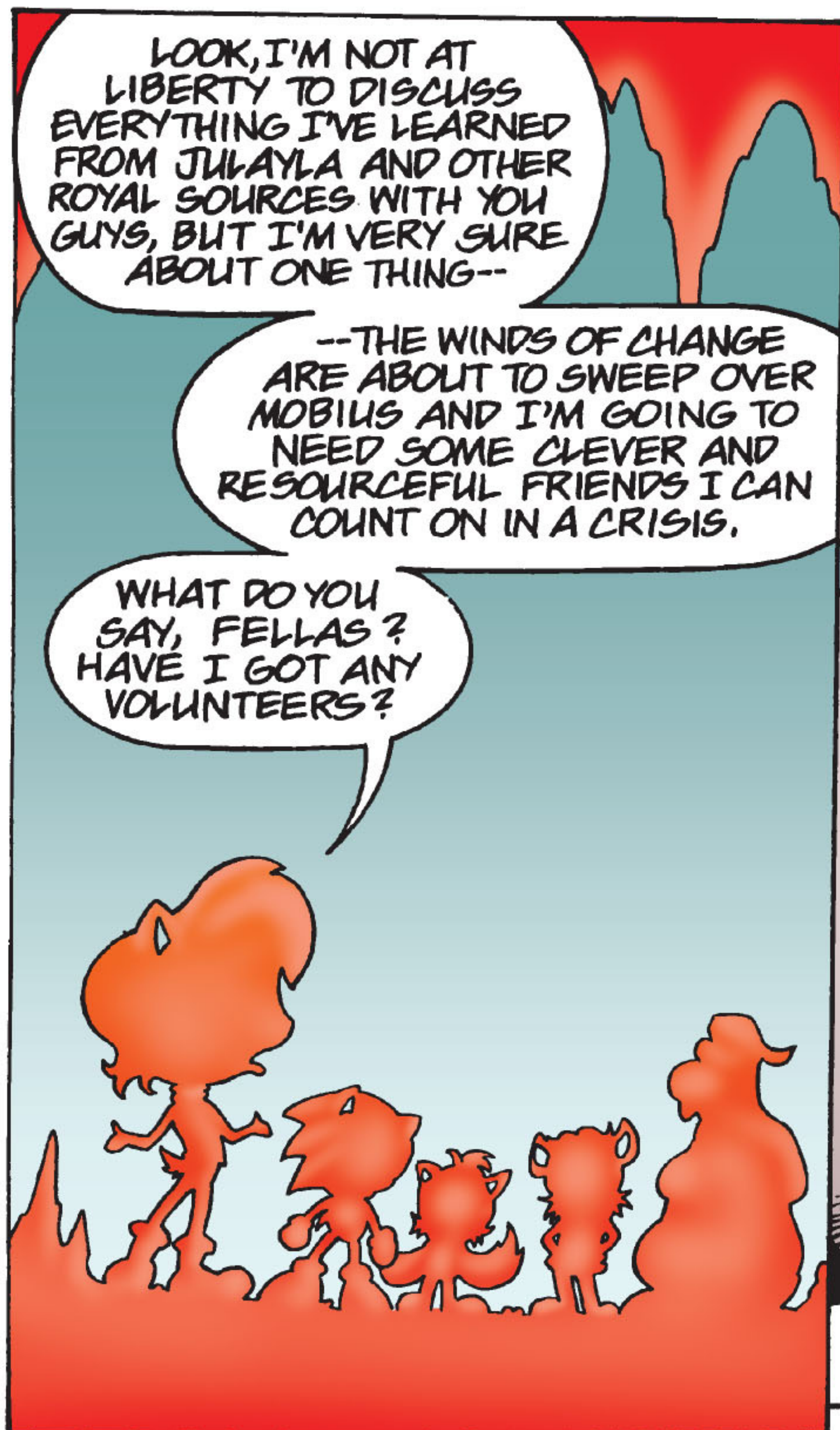
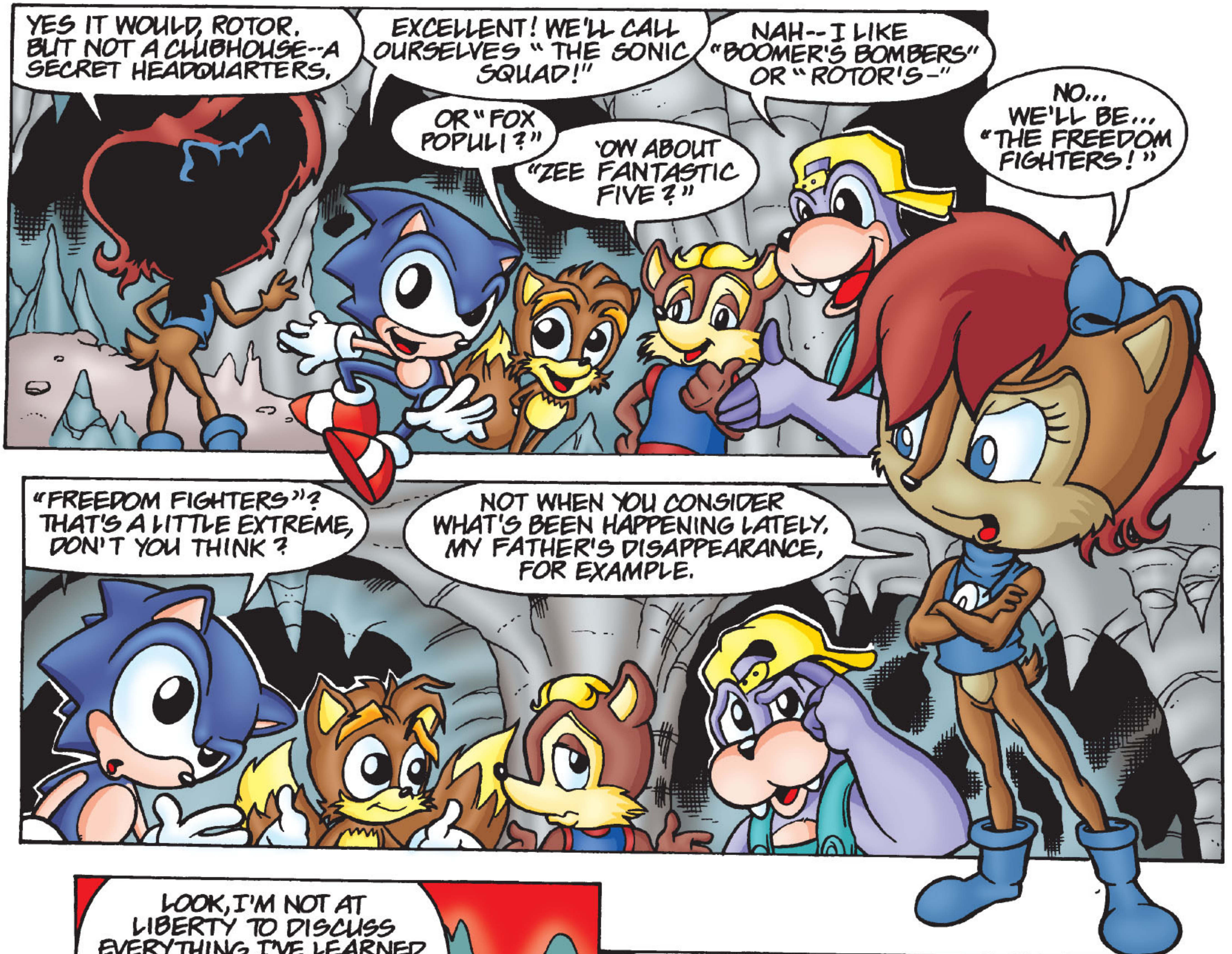
WHOOOOOOOO...

YOWWWWW...

SACRE BLEEEUUUU...



* ROCK FORMATION--
EDITOR





--GETTING OUT OF HERE!

Hmmm--I SEE YOUR POINT,

I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN CONTROL MY FLYING ABILITY NOW. I'LL GO UP AND OUT THROUGH THAT TREE TRUNK AND DROP DOWN A STRONG VINE SO YOU CAN ALL CLIMB OUT!

GOOD THINKING, MILES!

NOT MILES, SAL-
TAILS

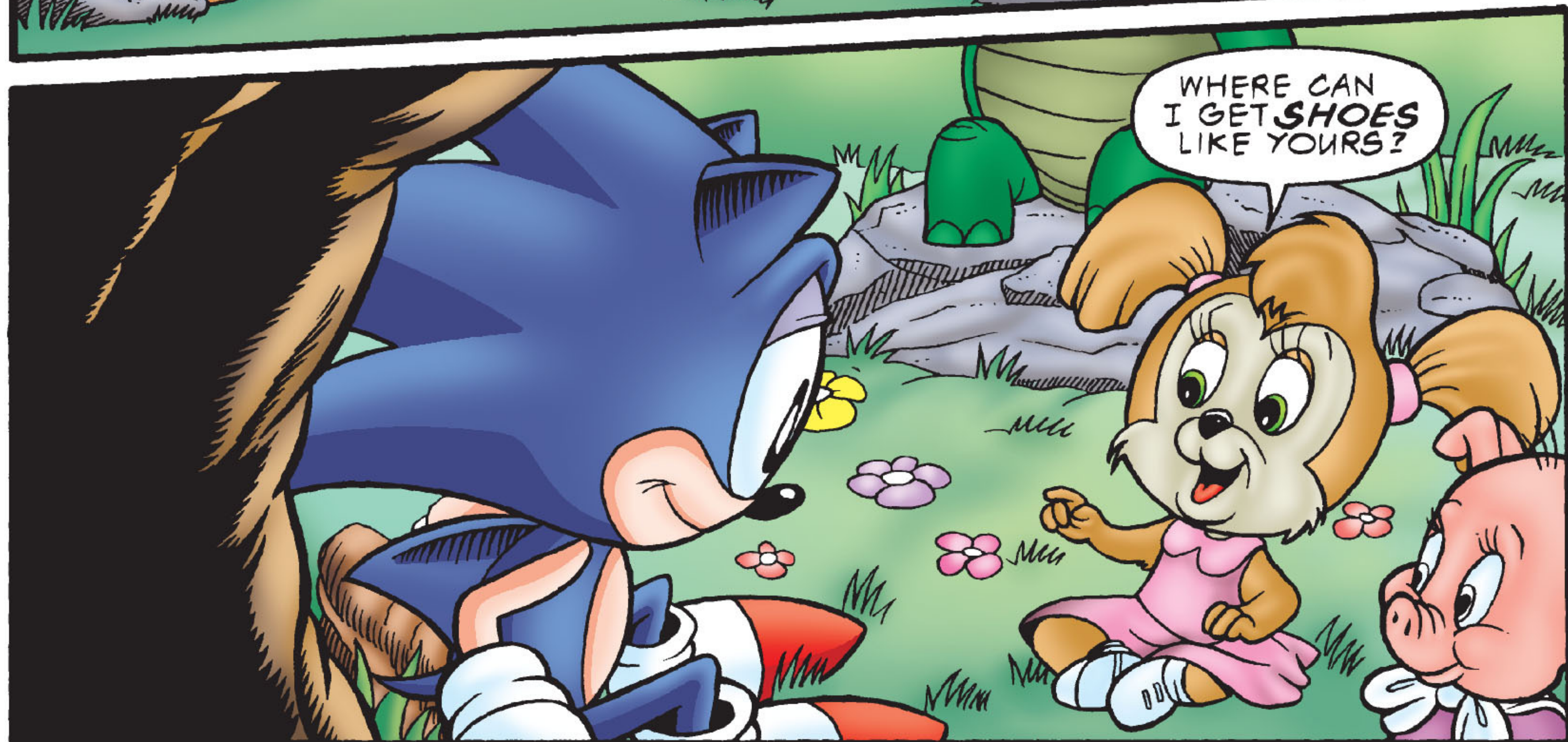
AND SO IT BEGINS. ALTHOUGH THESE YOUNGSTERS CANNOT IMAGINE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT AWAIT THEM, SOMEHOW THEY KNOW THEY HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MATURITY THIS DAY.



THE FIVE FRIENDS WHO HAVE FORMED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL GO ON TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE INTEGRITY OF PLANET MOBIUS FROM MULTIPLE MEGALOMANIAC MENACES!

LET US WISH THEM WELL.

THE END



MY UNCLE CHUCK MADE THESE SHOES FOR ME BECAUSE OF MY **SPEED**. YOU SEE, I ALWAYS USED TO BURN THE **RUBBER SOLES** OF ANY SNEAKER I WORE. SO HE **CREATED** THEM FROM THE ENERGY OF THE **POWER RINGS**. THAT WAY NO MATTER HOW FAST I RUN, I WON'T WEAR THEM **OUT**.

SHOES LIKE MINE ARE ONE OF A KIND, SO THEY CAN'T BE BOUGHT OR FOUND **ANYPLACE ELSE**. THE CLOSEST ONES TO THESE WERE THE ONES I GOT FOR **TAILS**...

...AND THAT'S A **STORY** ALL IN ITSELF! DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT?

YEAH!

OKAY--HERE WE GO!

"...IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO--"

"--TAILS WAS BEING TUTORED BY ROSIE AND HAD GOTTEN **STRAIGHT A'S** ON HIS REPORT CARD."

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, MILES!

YEAH, WE ARE. YOU DID MUCH BETTER THAN ME WHEN I TOOK IT. I ONLY GOT C'S AND D'S.

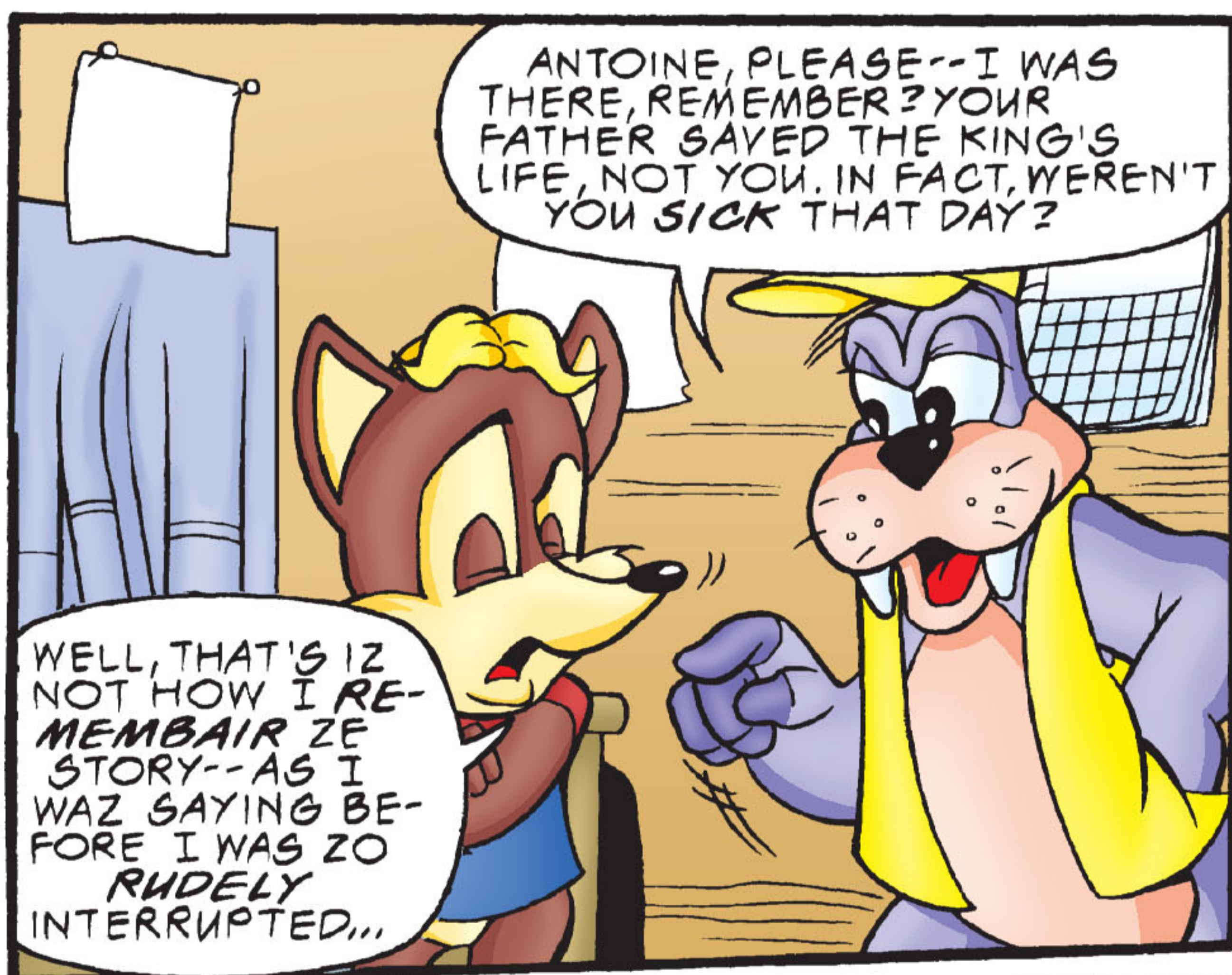
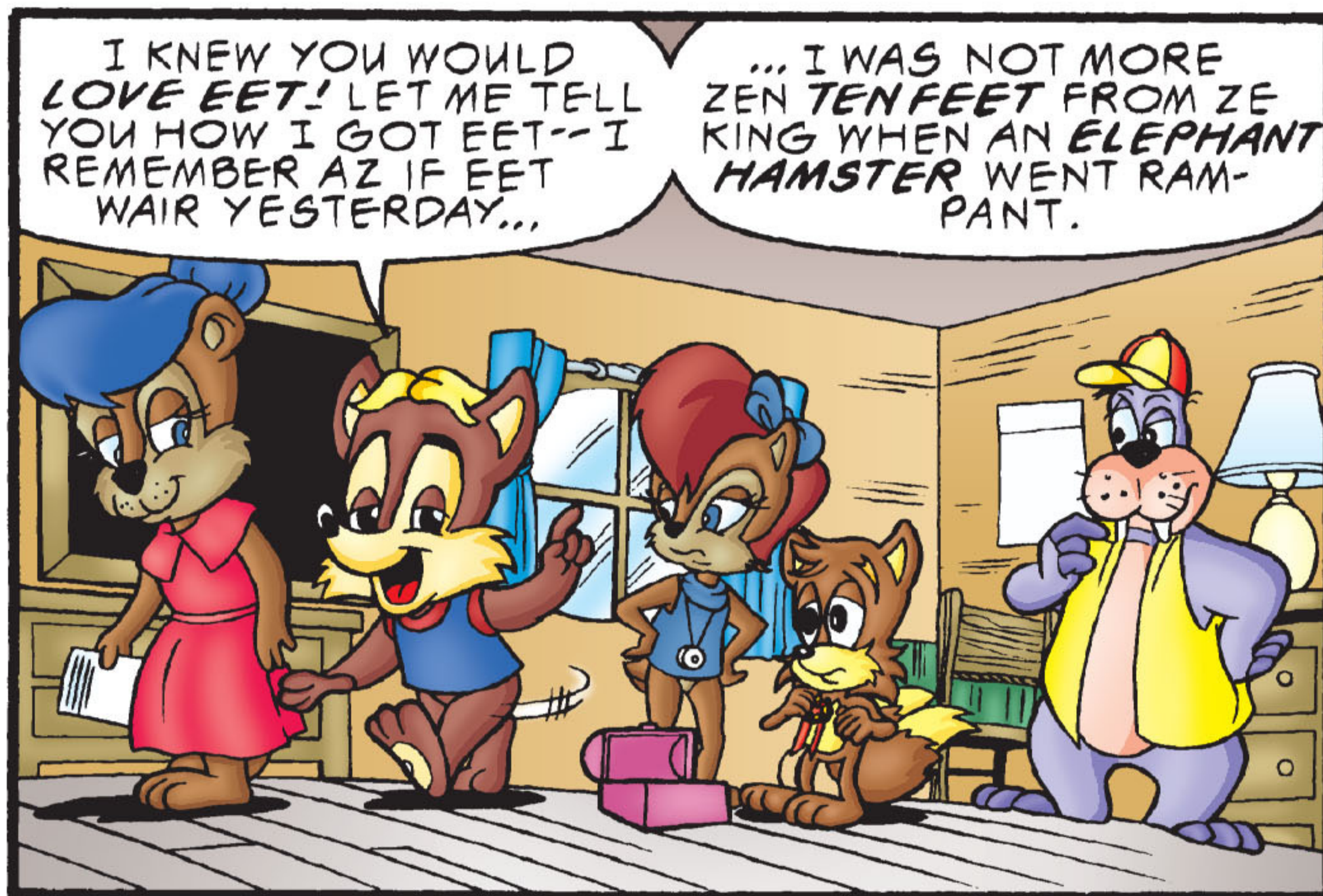
'ELLO, LITTLE ONE. I 'AVE 'ERE THE **BEST** GIFT IN ZE **WORLD** FOR YOU!

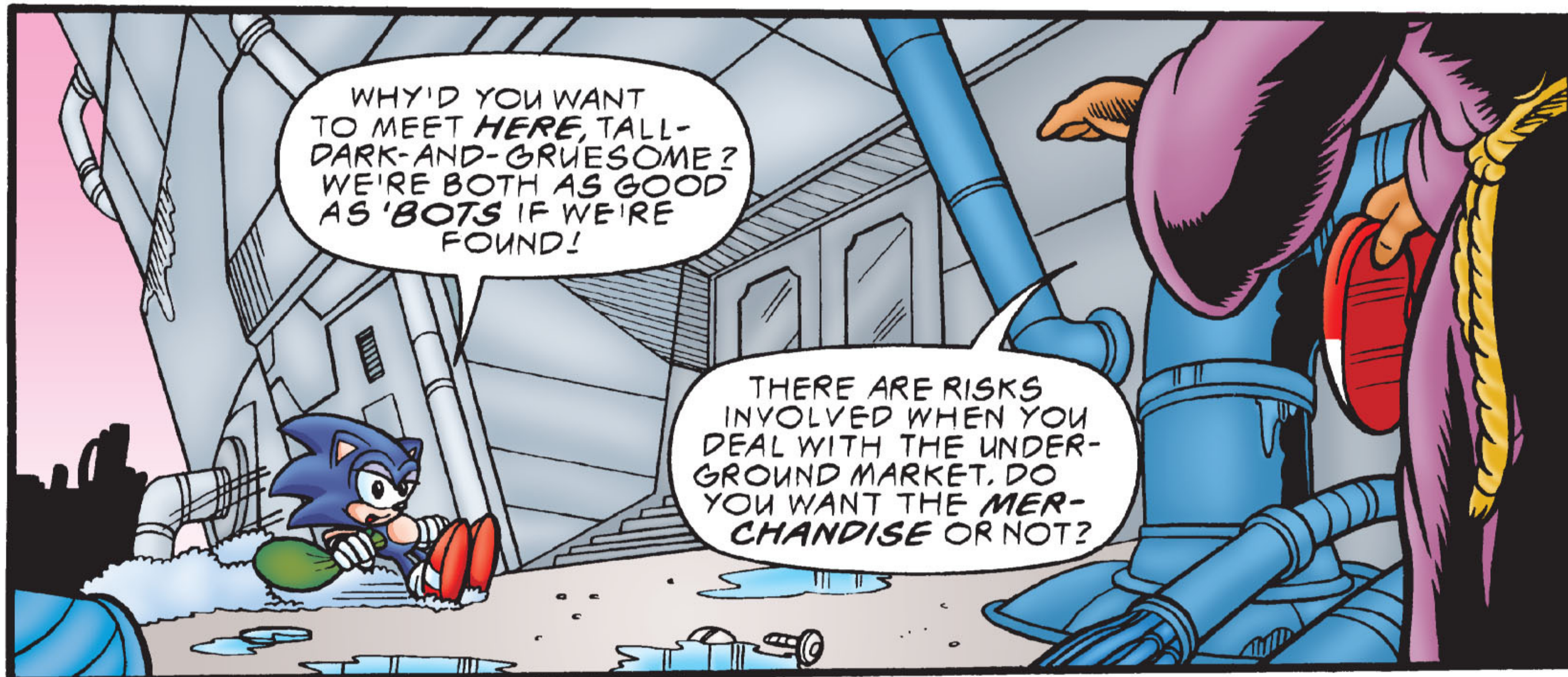
ZIS IZ FOR YOU. AH!! I KNOW YOU ARE **IMPRESSED**, YES?

IT SURE IS **PRETTY**, ISN'T IT?

WOW! LOOK HOW IT **SHINES!**

YEAH, IT'S COOL! THANKS ANTOINE!





WHY'D YOU WANT TO MEET *HERE*, TALL-DARK-AND-GRUESOME? WE'RE BOTH AS GOOD AS 'BOTS IF WE'RE FOUND!

THERE ARE RISKS INVOLVED WHEN YOU DEAL WITH THE UNDERGROUND MARKET. DO YOU WANT THE *MERCHANDISE* OR NOT?

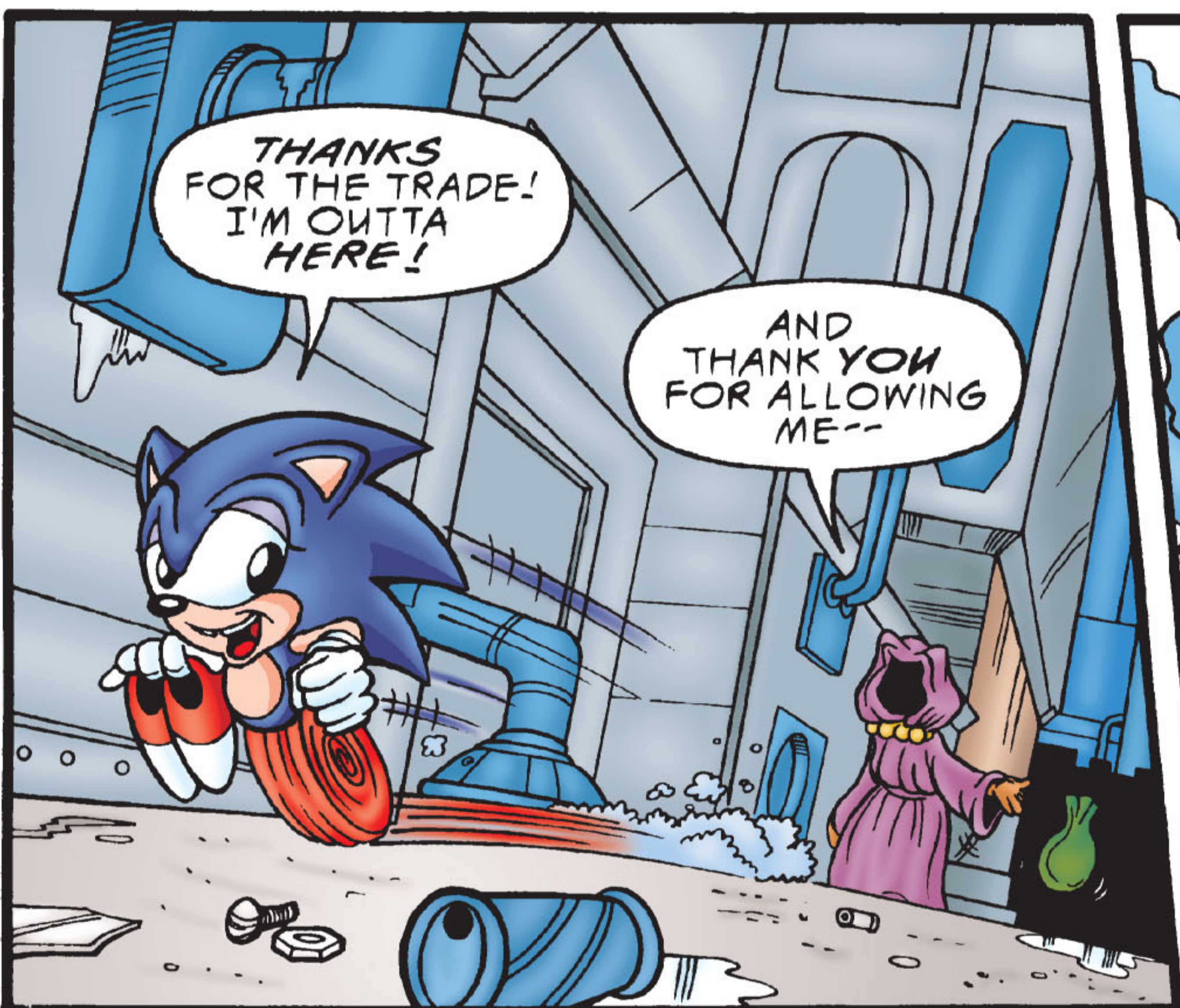


YEAH, YEAH. I CAN'T LET MY LITTLE BUDDY DOWN ON HIS BIG DAY. HE'RE YOUR STONES.

WHAT WOULD HE WANT WITH SOME ORDINARY ROCKS? MAYBE *HE'S* GOT ROCKS IN HIS HEAD. WELL AT LEAST HIS BREATH DON'T STINK.



OH, MAN, I'M LATE!! GOTTA *VAMOOSE!* BACK TO KNOTHOLE PRONTO!

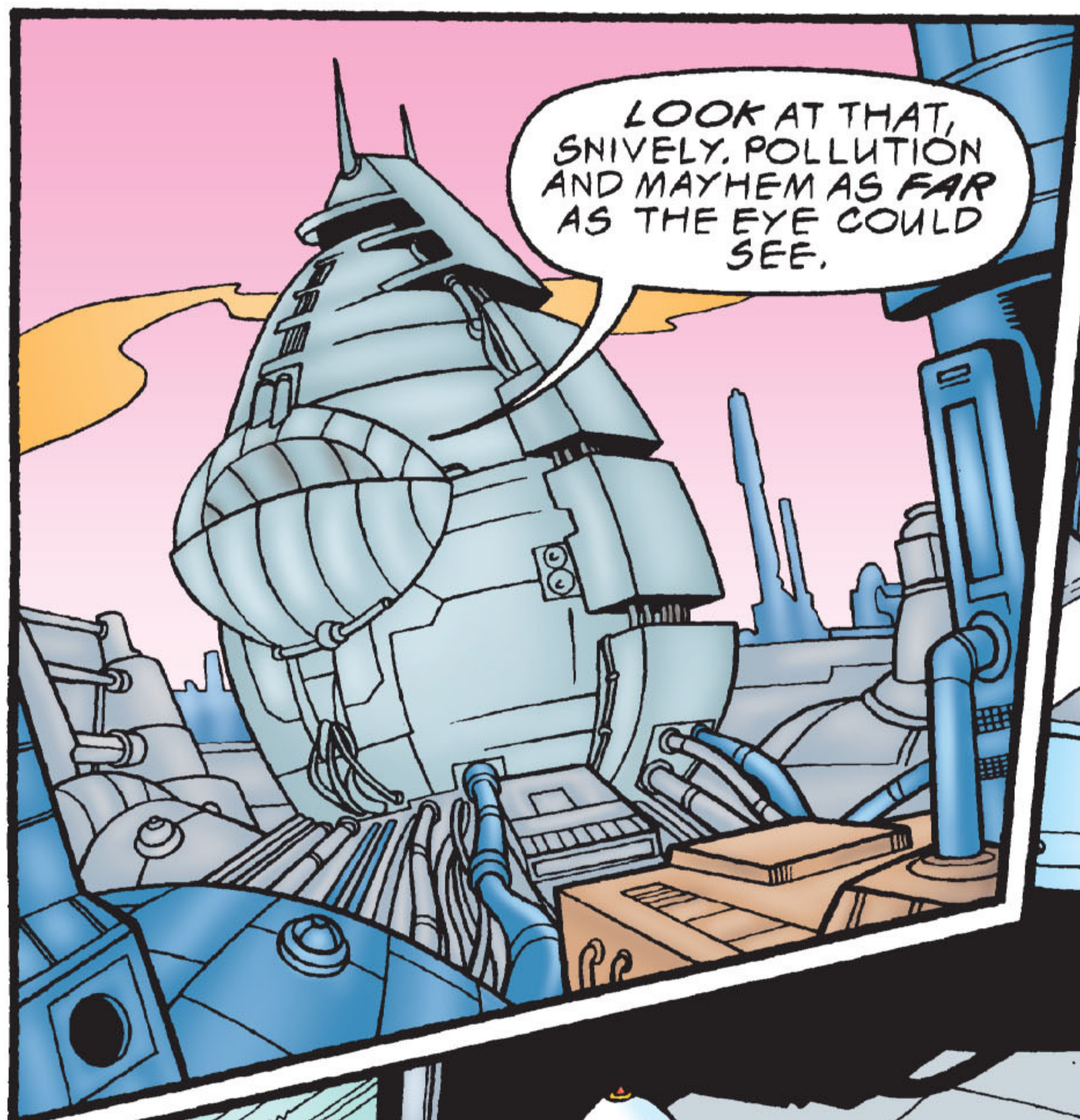


THANKS FOR THE TRADE! I'M OUTTA *HERE!*

AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME--



-- TO GIVE MILES A GIFT FROM HIS *UNCLE!*

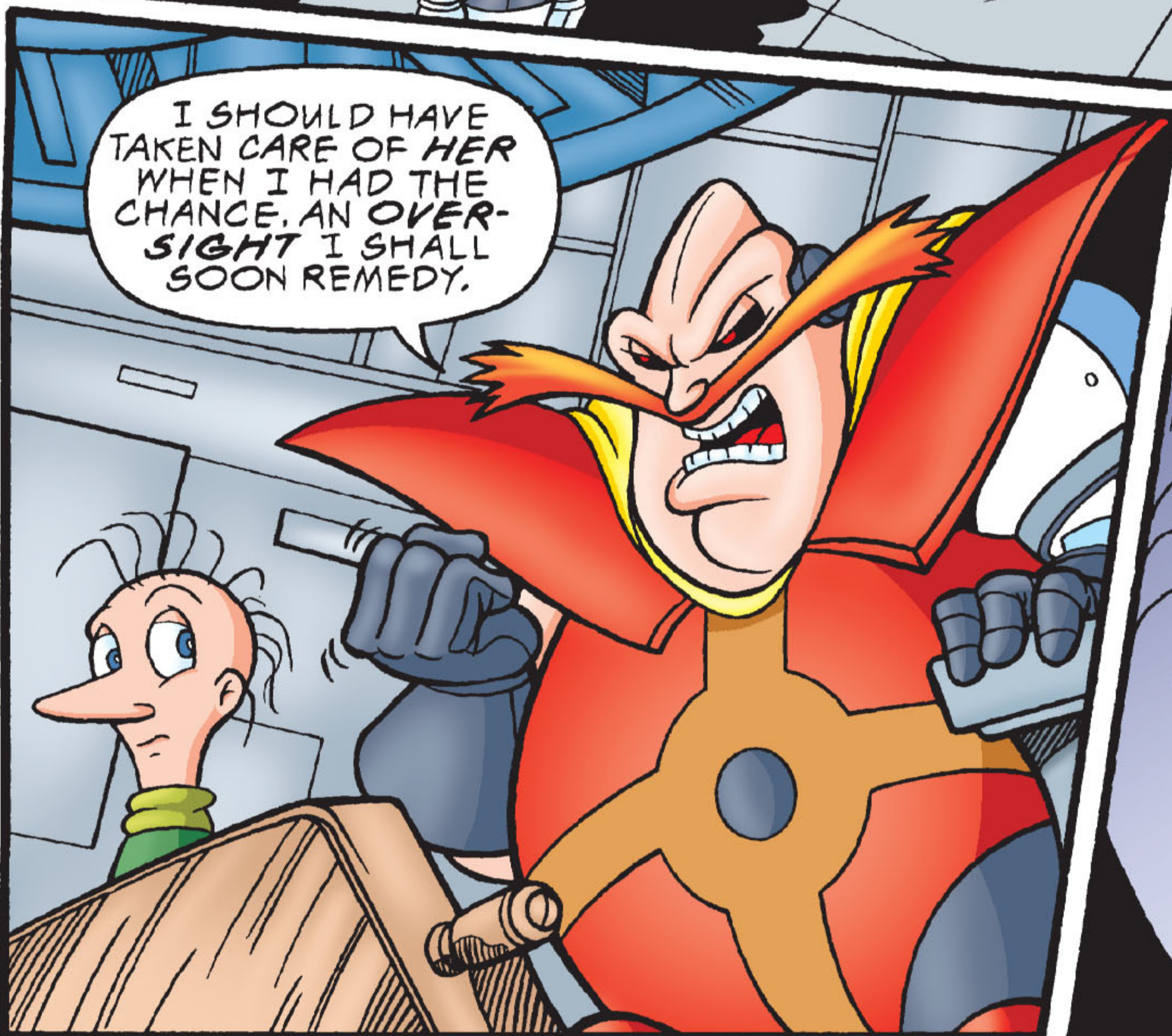
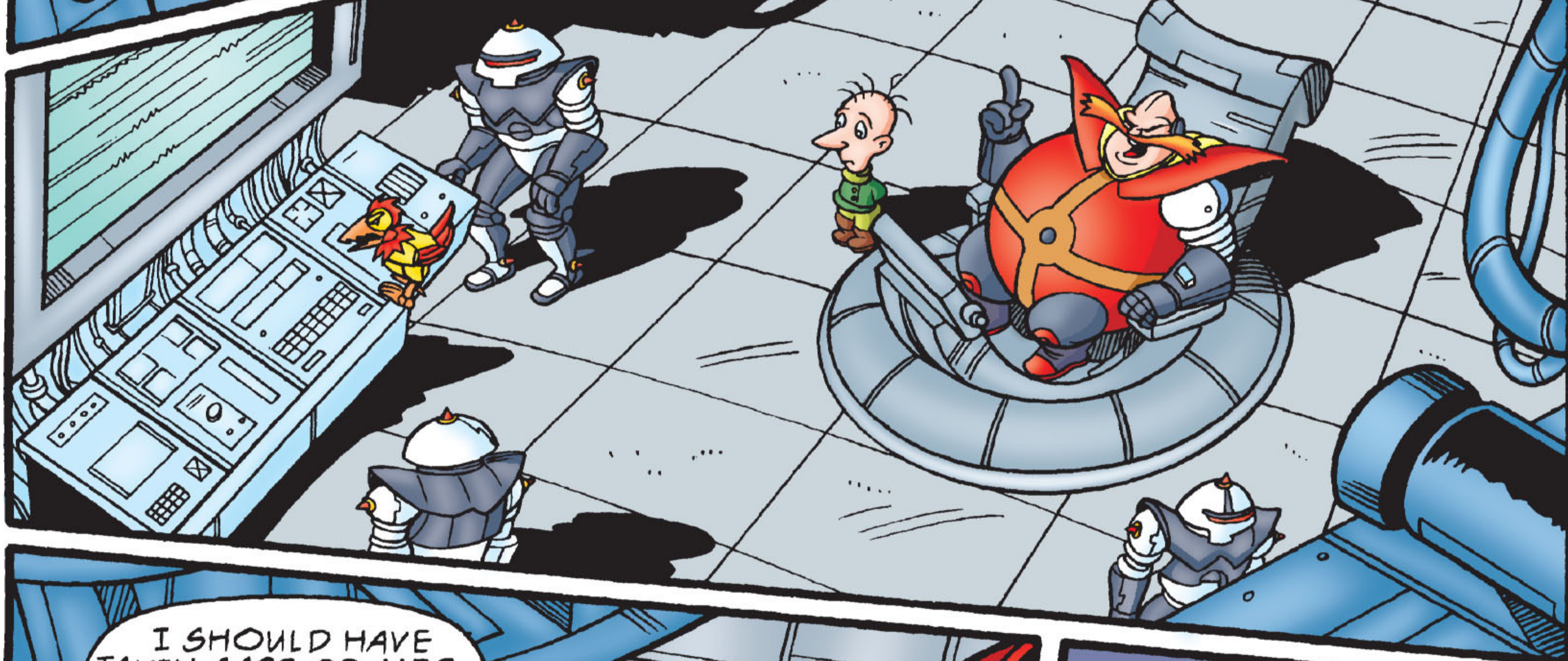


LOOK AT THAT,
SNIVELY. POLLUTION
AND MAYHEM AS *FAR*
AS THE EYE COULD
SEE.



THOUGH MY EYES
CANNOT SEE THE GREAT
FOREST ACROSS THE
DESERT, I KNOW THAT
IT IS THERE.

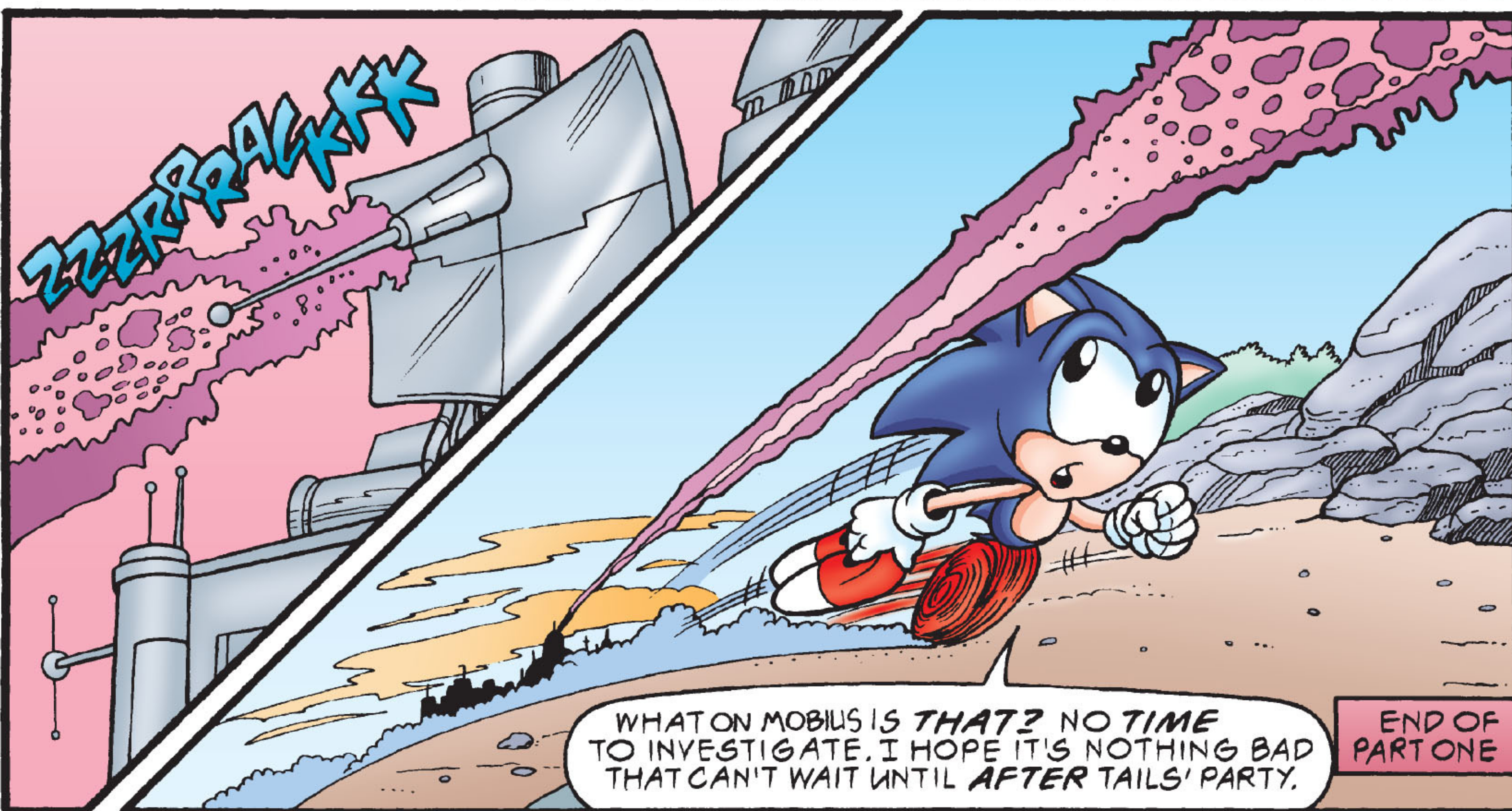
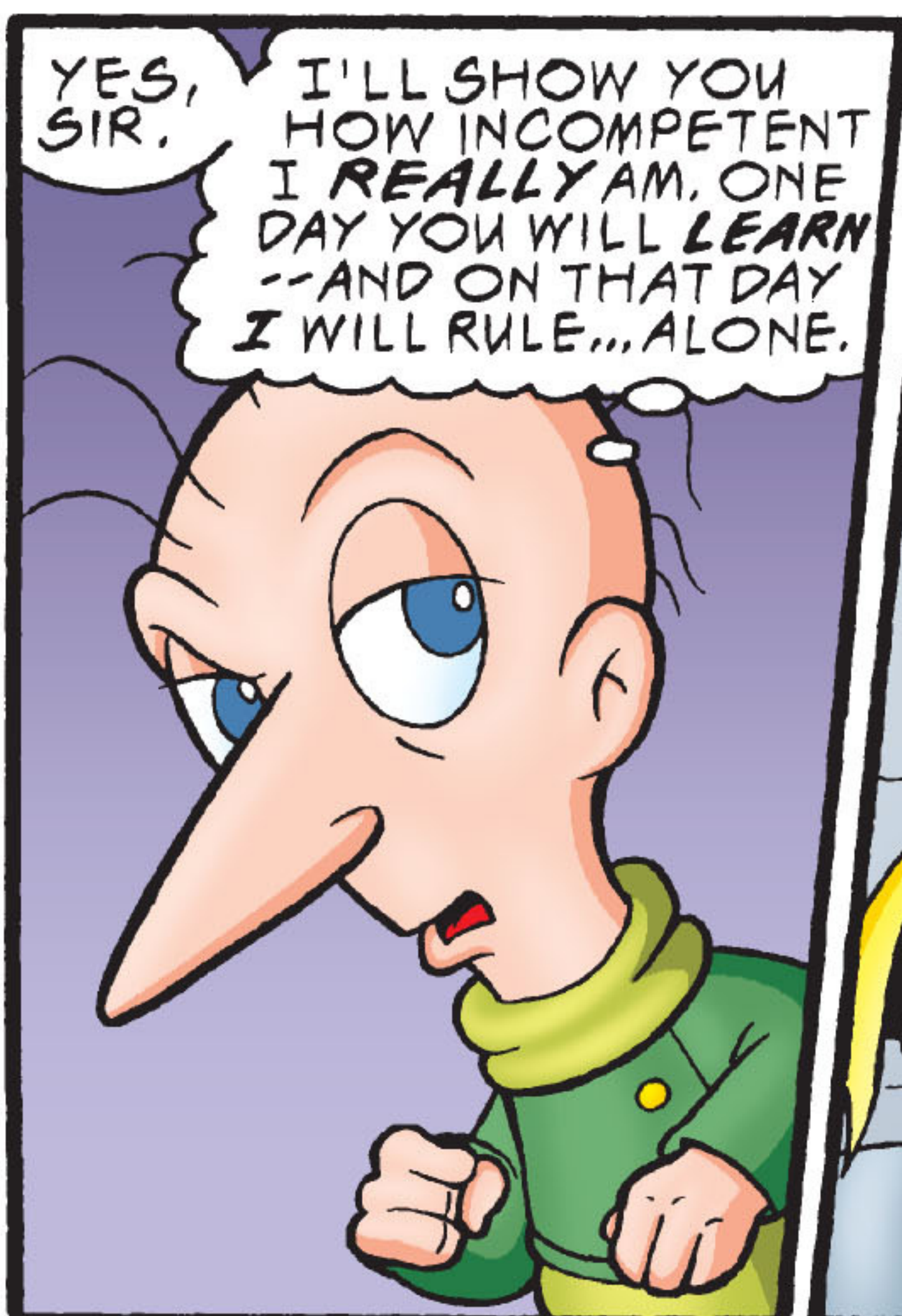
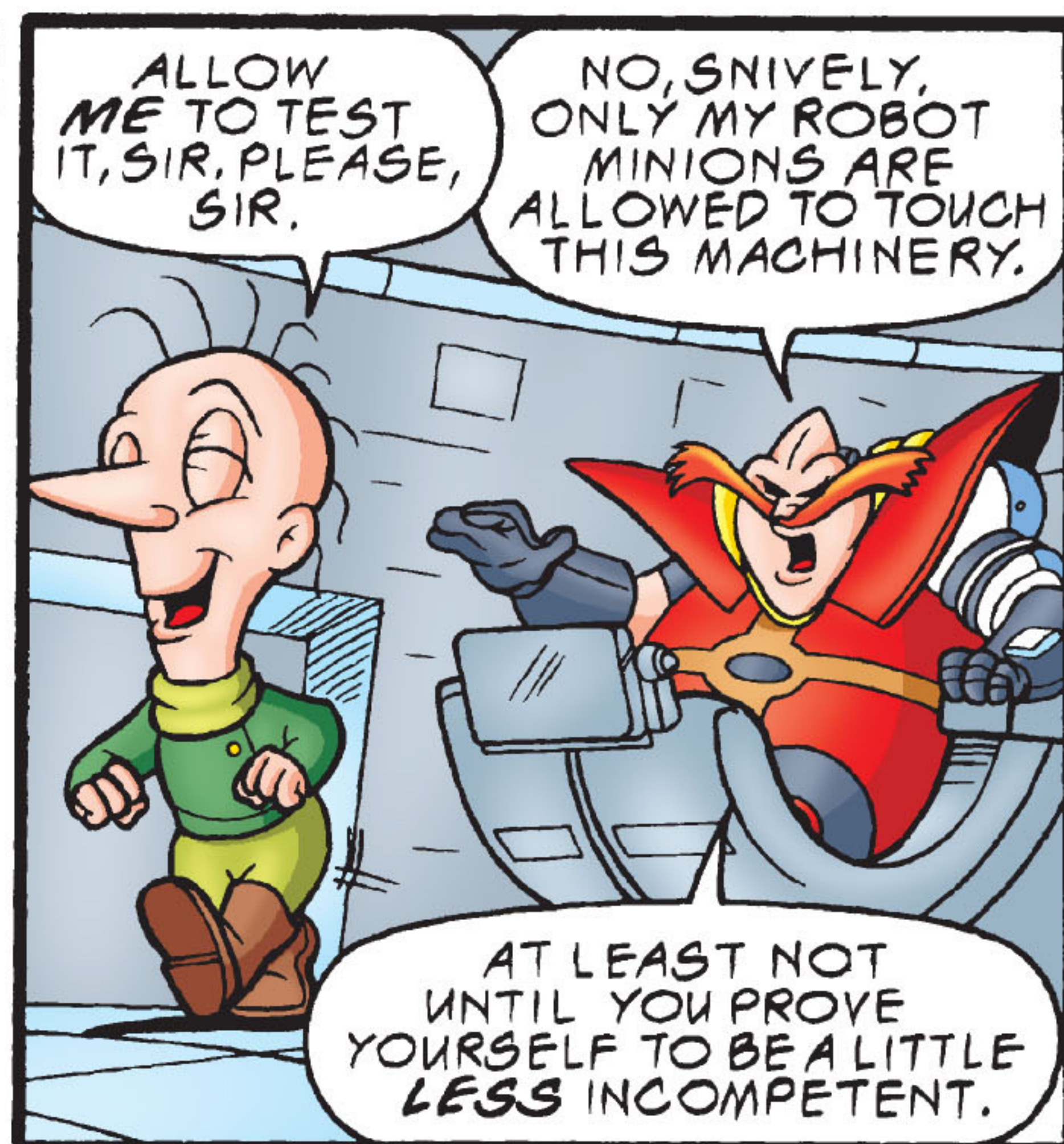
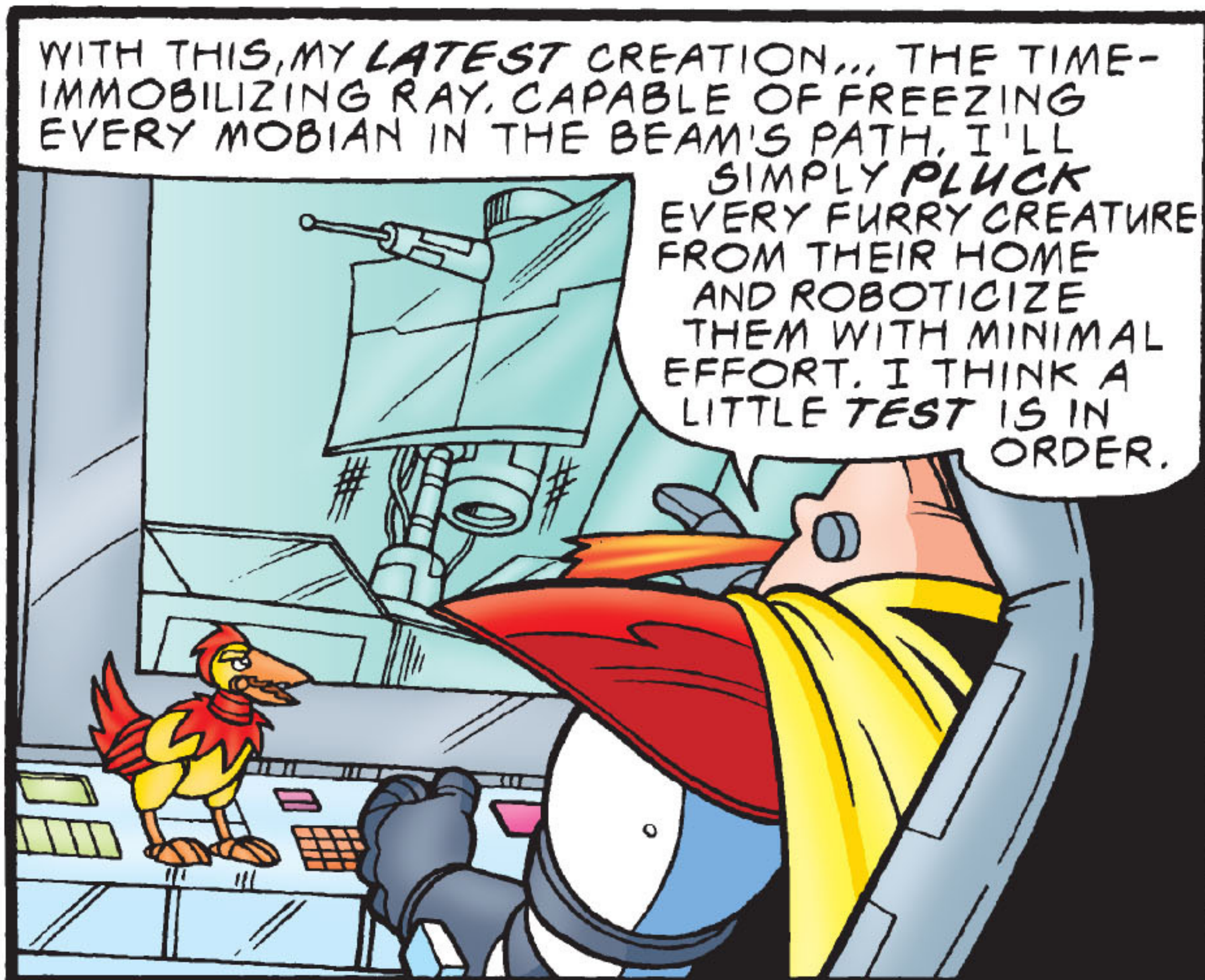
AND I KNOW SOME-
WHERE IN THAT FOREST
ARE THOSE SELF-NAMED
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
HEADED BY THE KING'S
OWN DAUGHTER.

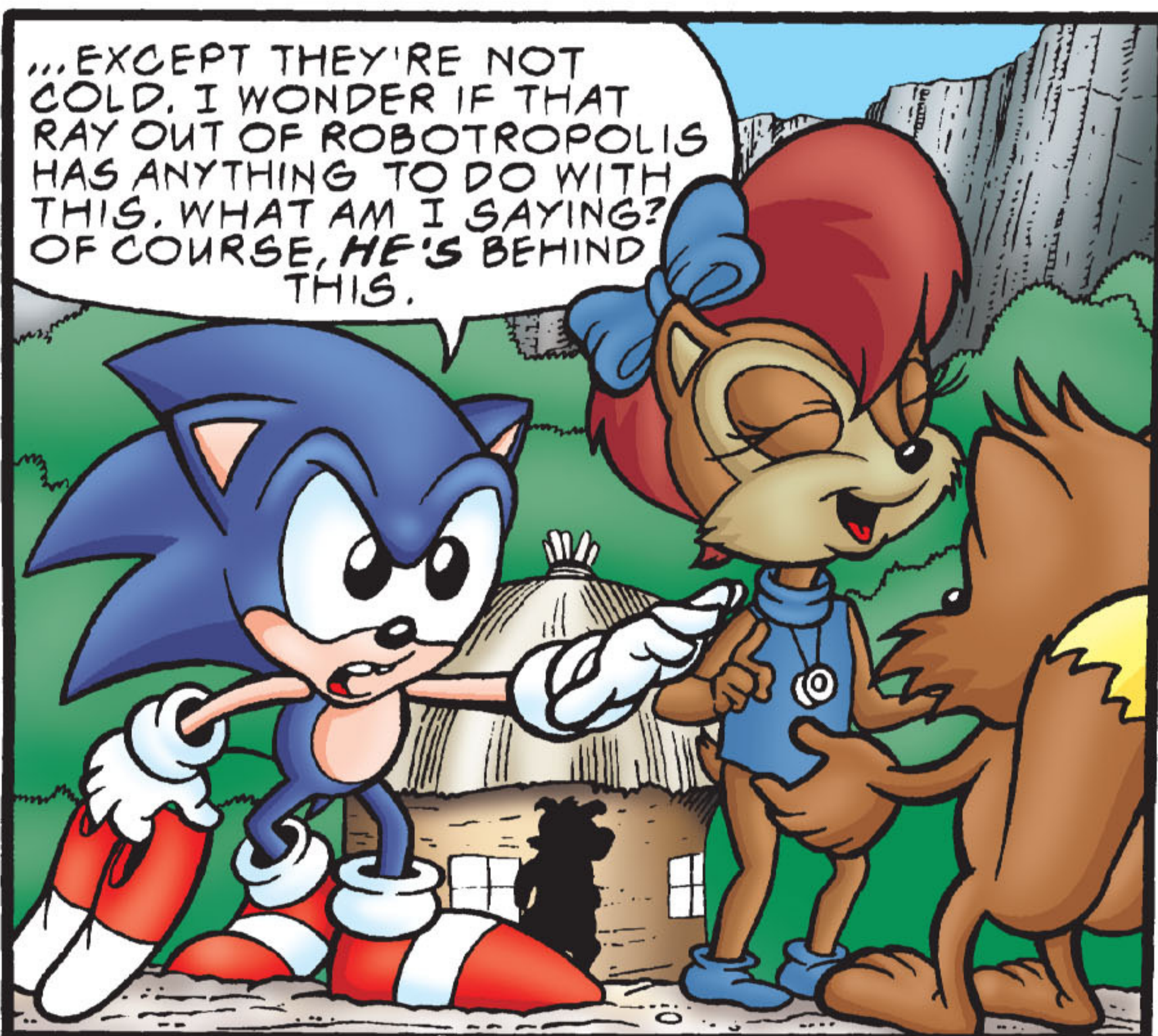
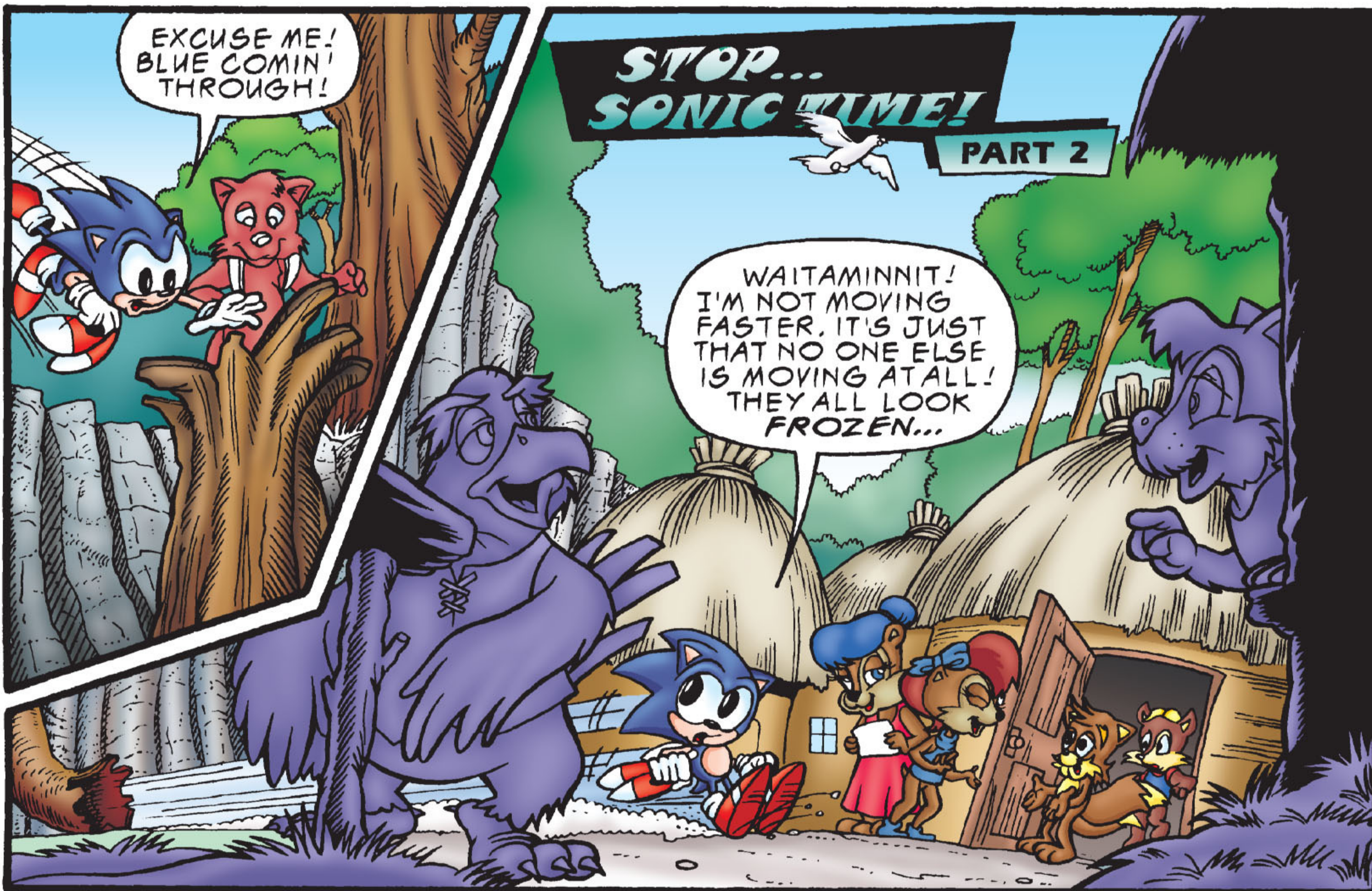
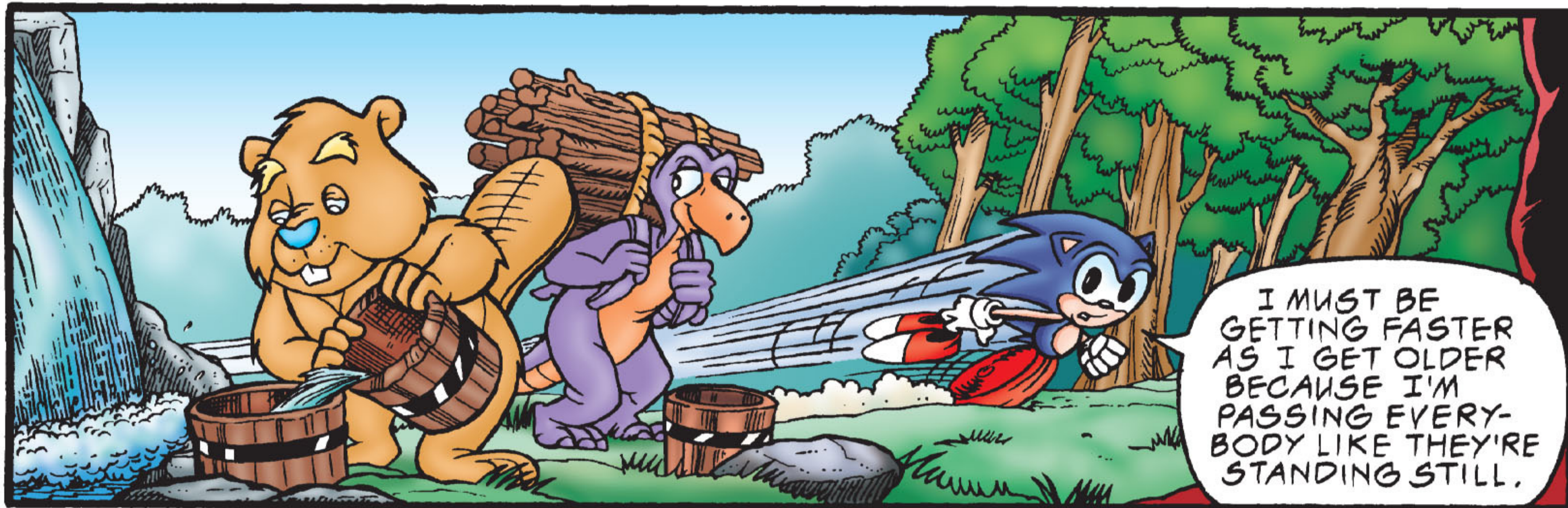


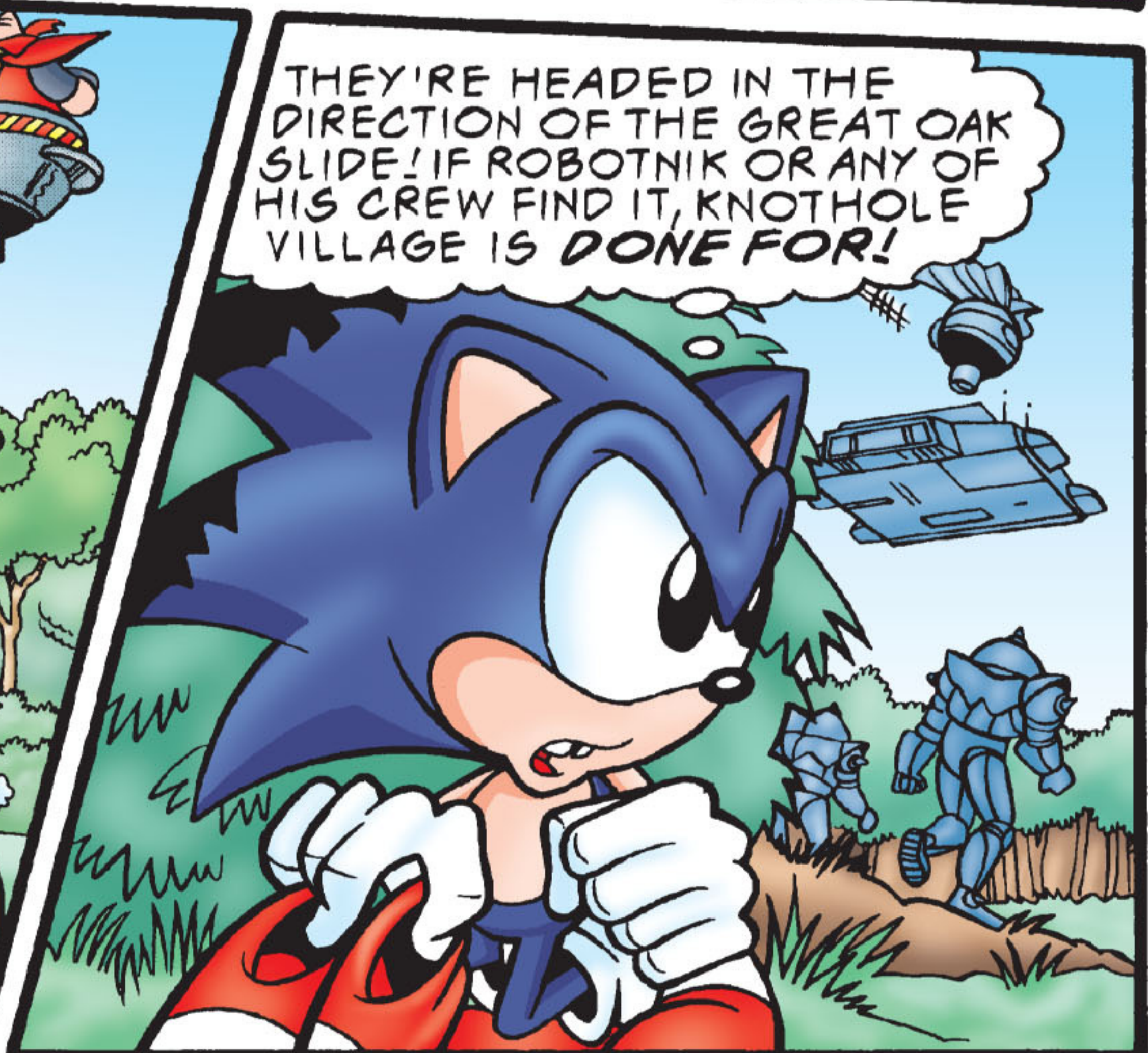
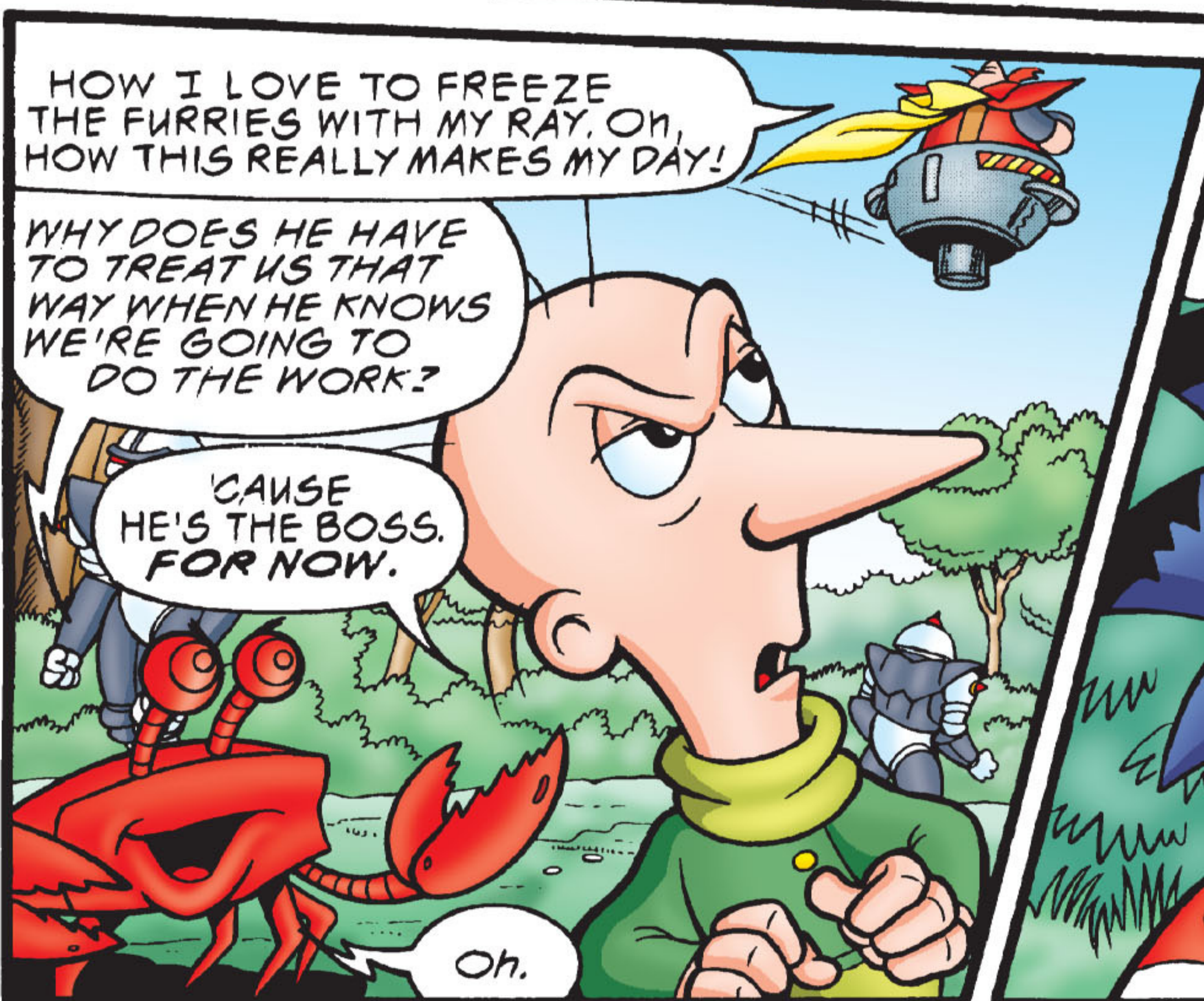
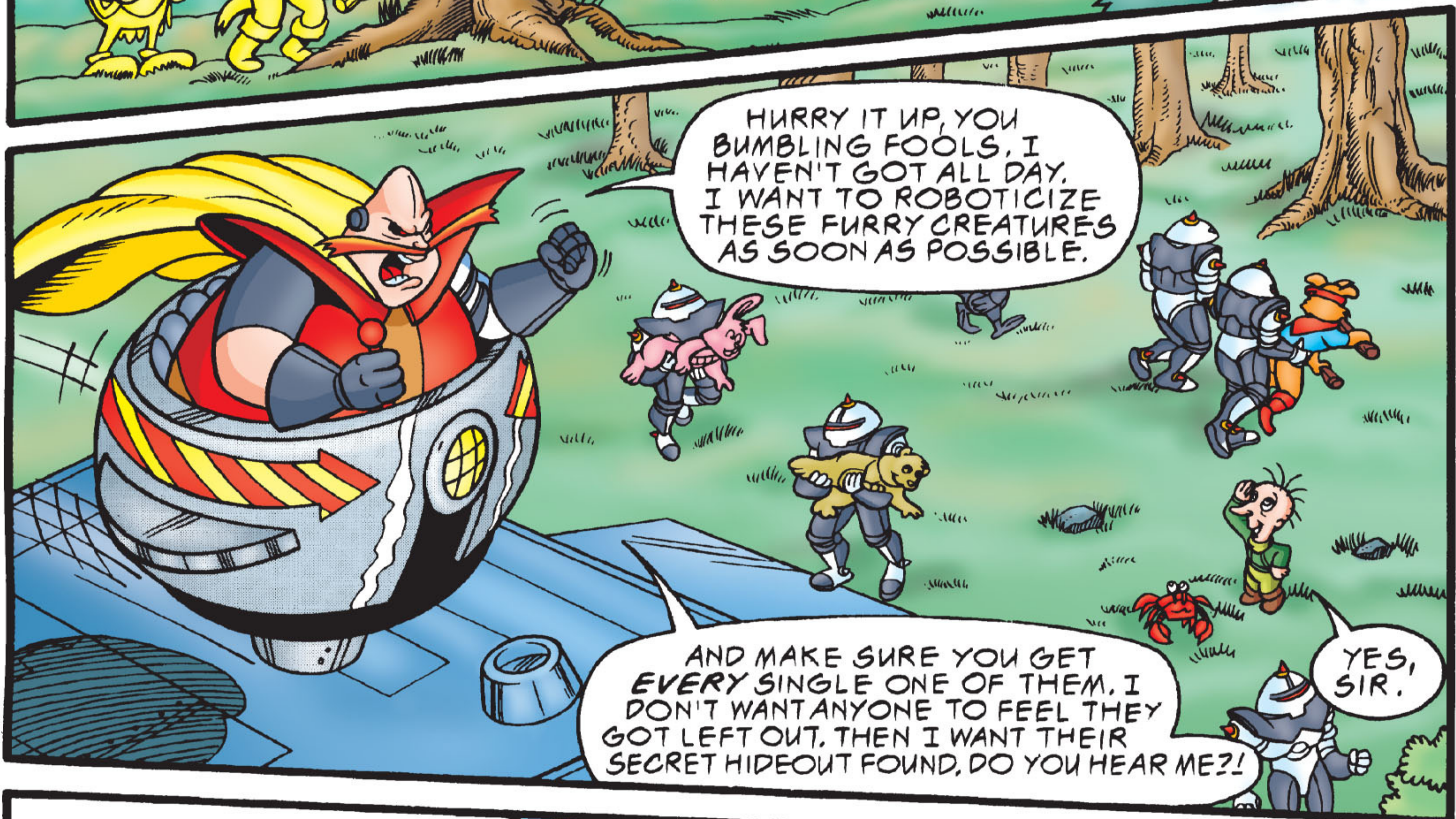
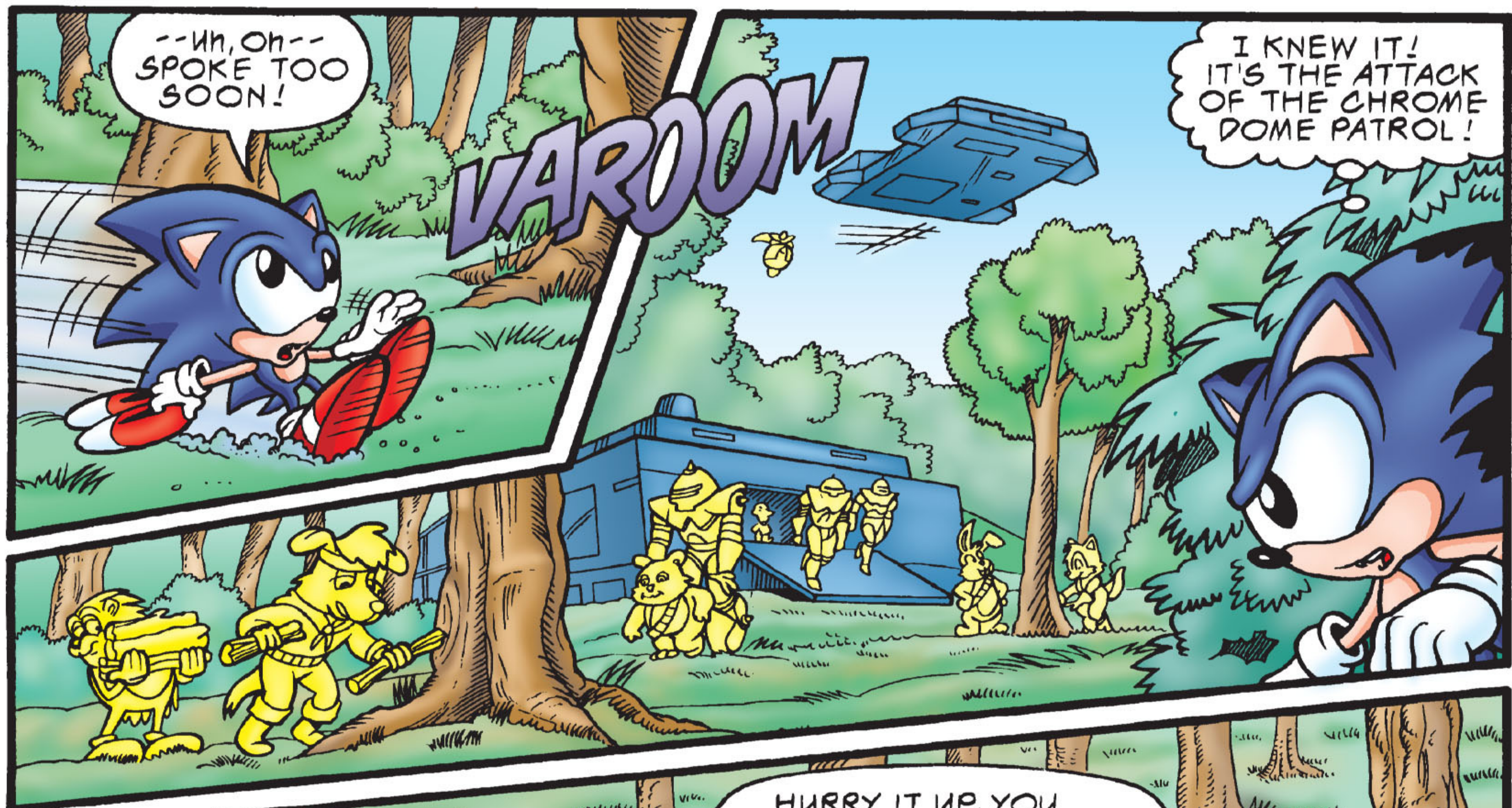
I SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN CARE OF *HER*
WHEN I HAD THE
CHANCE. AN *OVER-*
SIGHT I SHALL
SOON REMEDY.

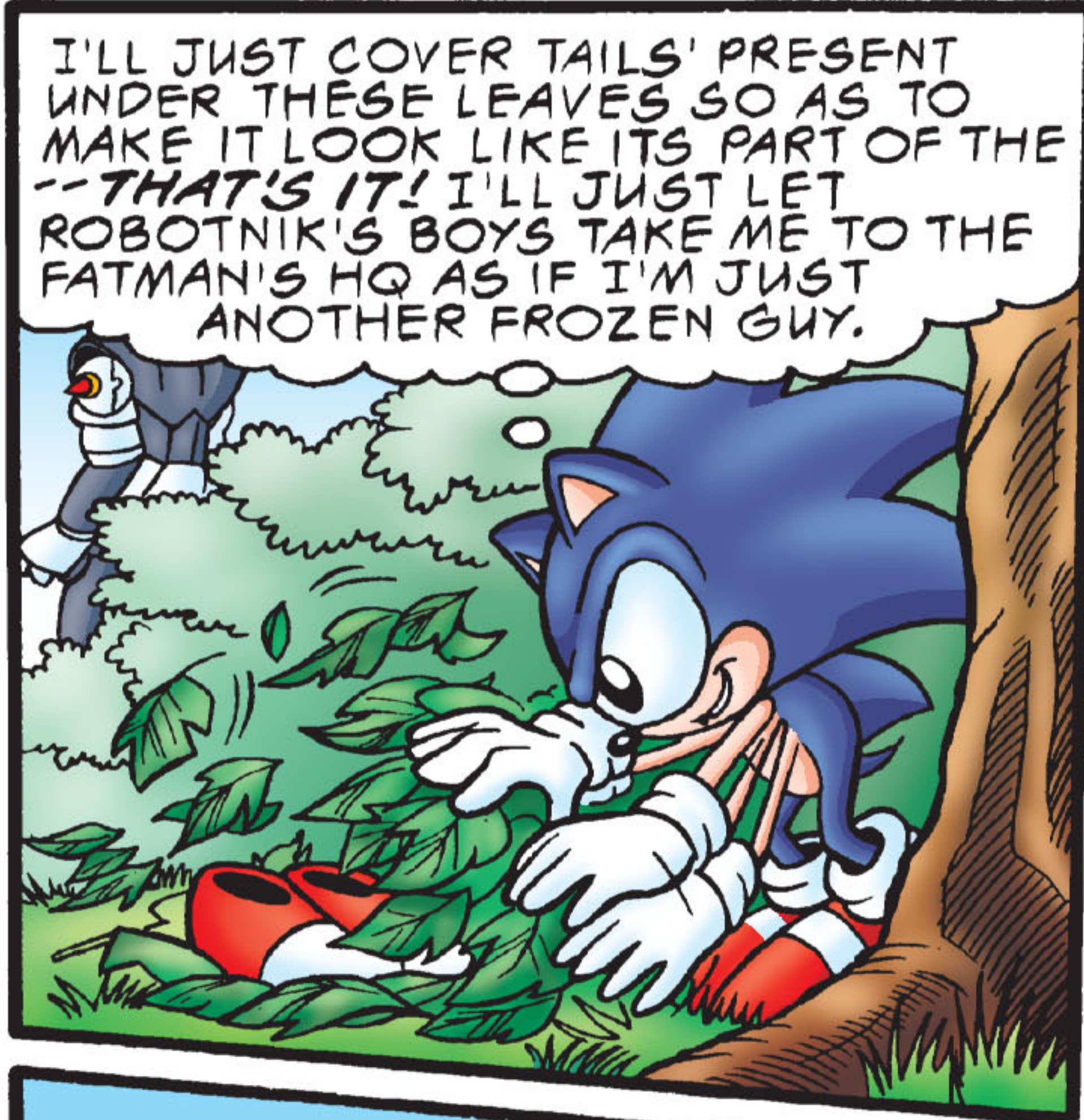


AND HOW WILL
YOU DO THAT, UNCLE
JUL-- UH, DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK, SIR?





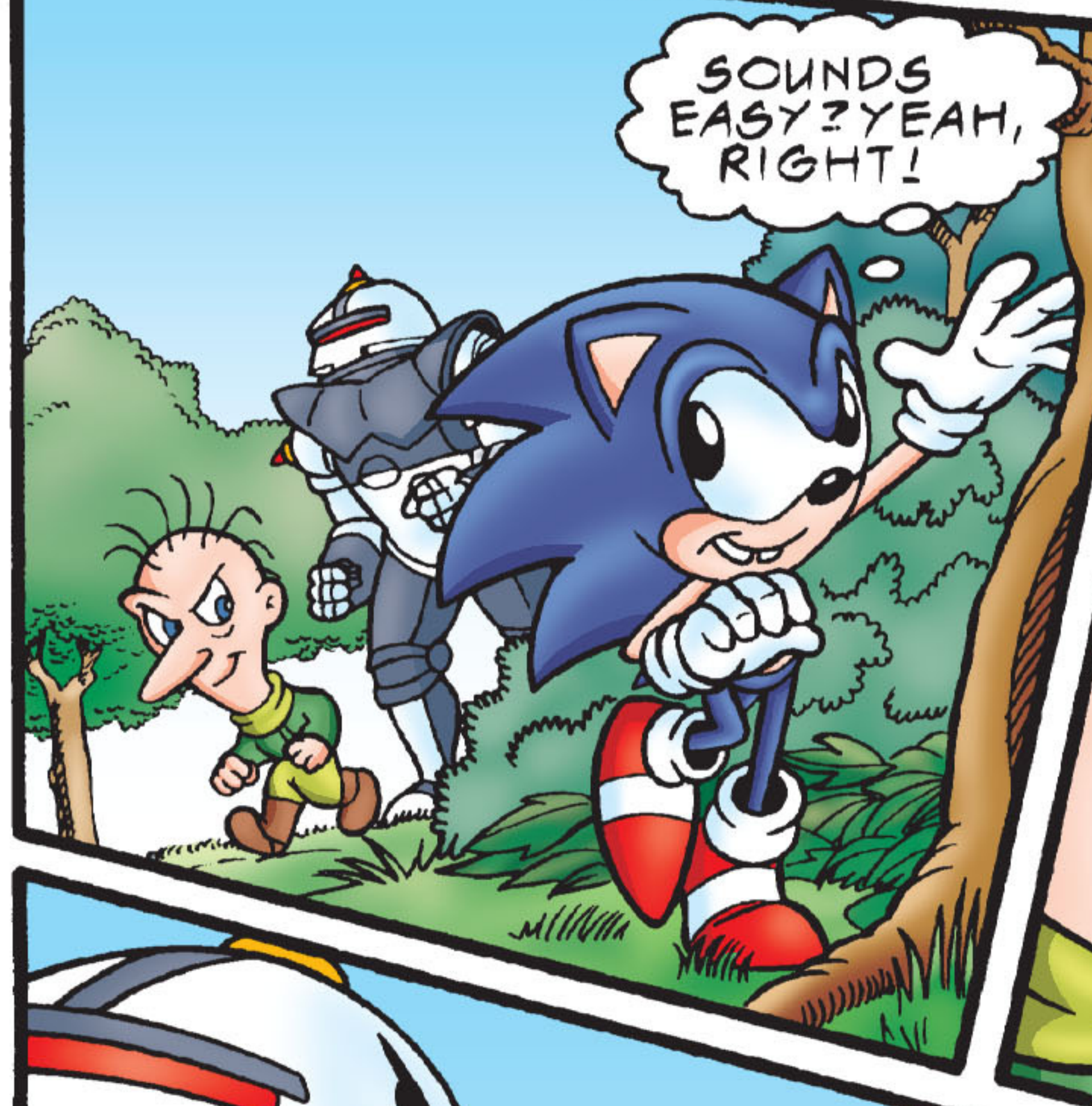




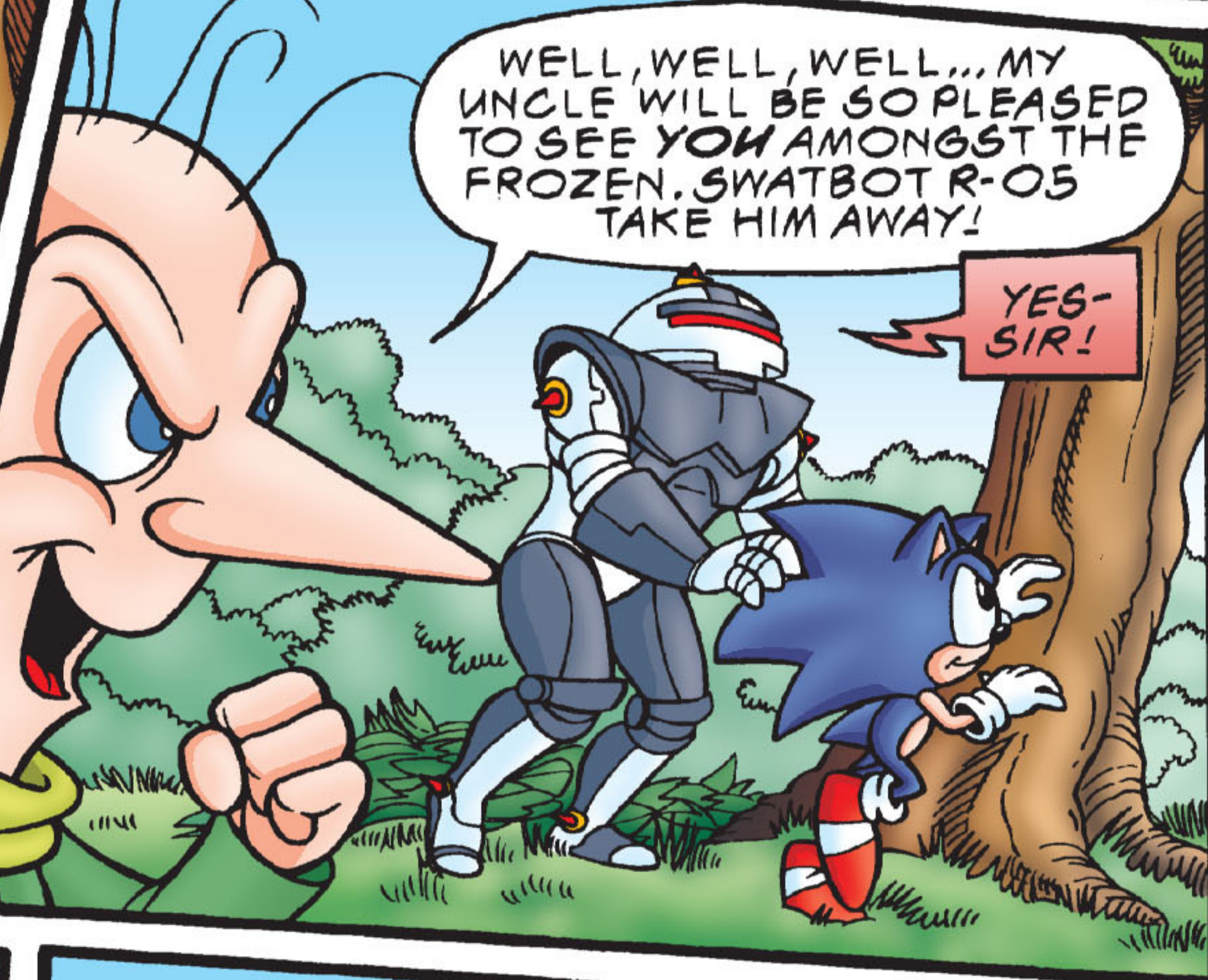
I'LL JUST COVER TAILS' PRESENT UNDER THESE LEAVES SO AS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE ITS PART OF THE -- **THAT'S IT!** I'LL JUST LET ROBOTNIK'S BOYS TAKE ME TO THE FATMAN'S HQ AS IF I'M JUST ANOTHER FROZEN GUY.



ONCE I'M IN, I CAN REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY, AND THE VILLAGE WILL BE **SAVED.**

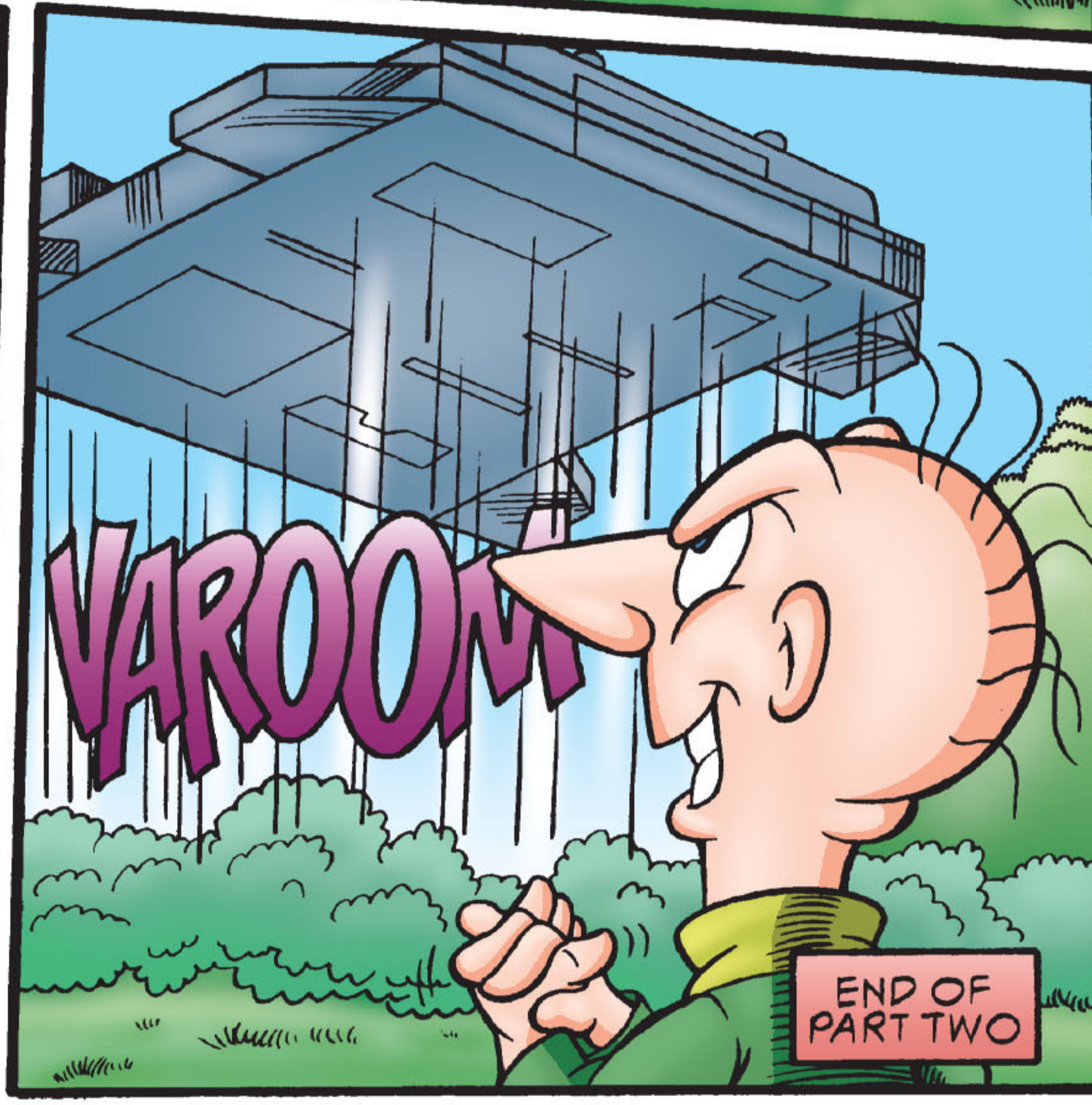
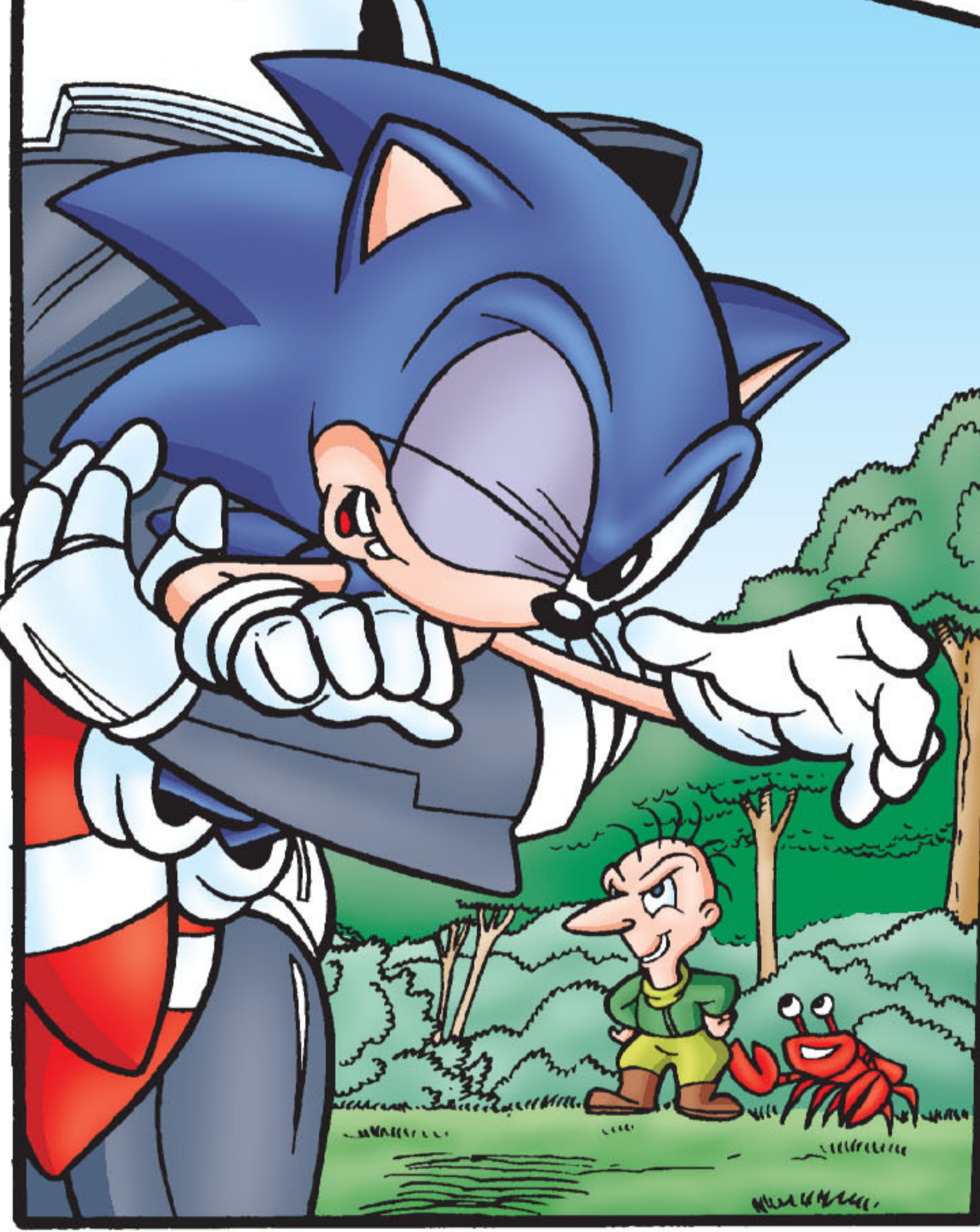


SOUNDS EASY? YEAH, RIGHT!



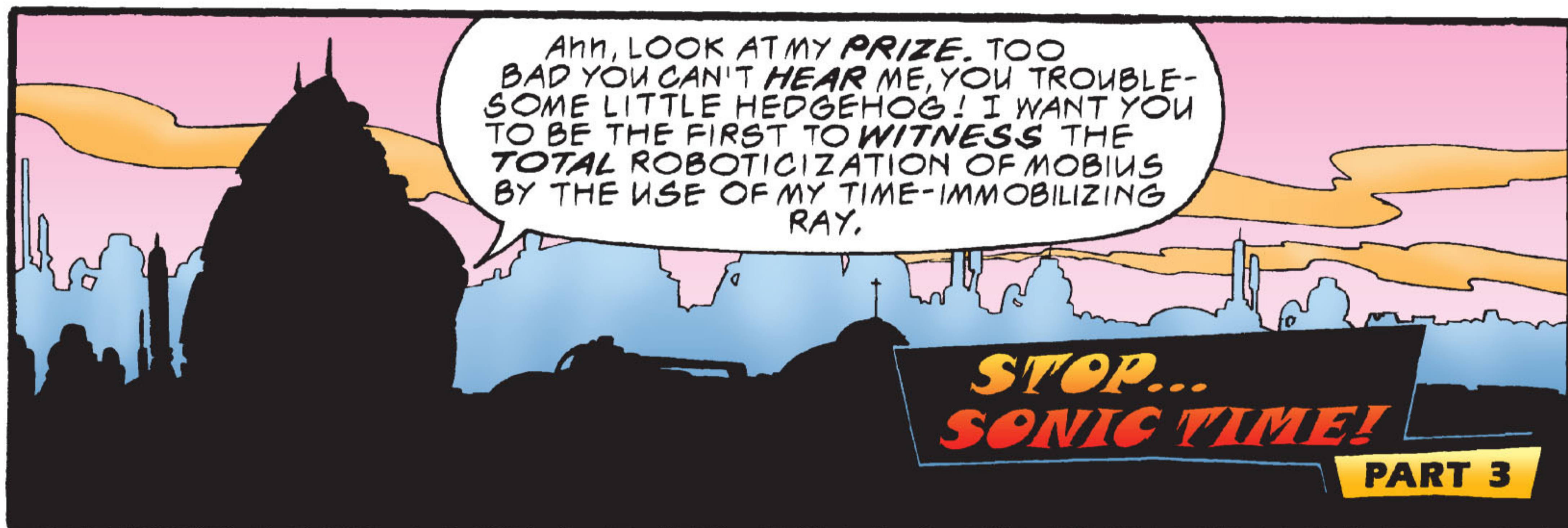
WELL, WELL, WELL... MY UNCLE WILL BE SO PLEASED TO SEE **YOU** AMONGST THE FROZEN. SWATBOT R-05 TAKE HIM AWAY!

YES-SIR!



VAROOOM!

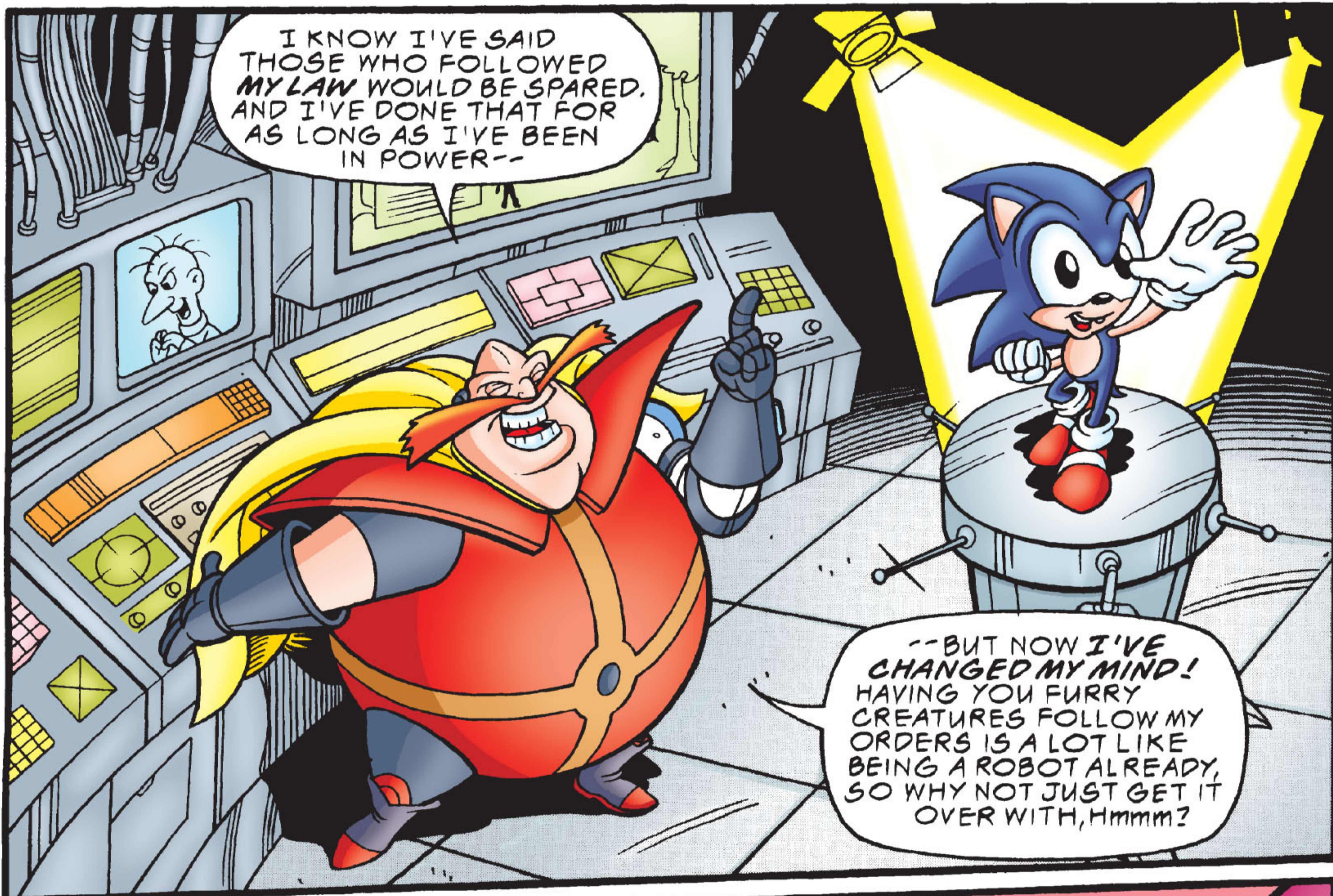
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AHH, LOOK AT MY **PRIZE**. TOO BAD YOU CAN'T **HEAR** ME, YOU TROUBLE-SOME LITTLE HEDGEHOG! I WANT YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO **WITNESS** THE **TOTAL** ROBOTICIZATION OF MOBIUS BY THE USE OF MY TIME-IMMOBILIZING RAY.

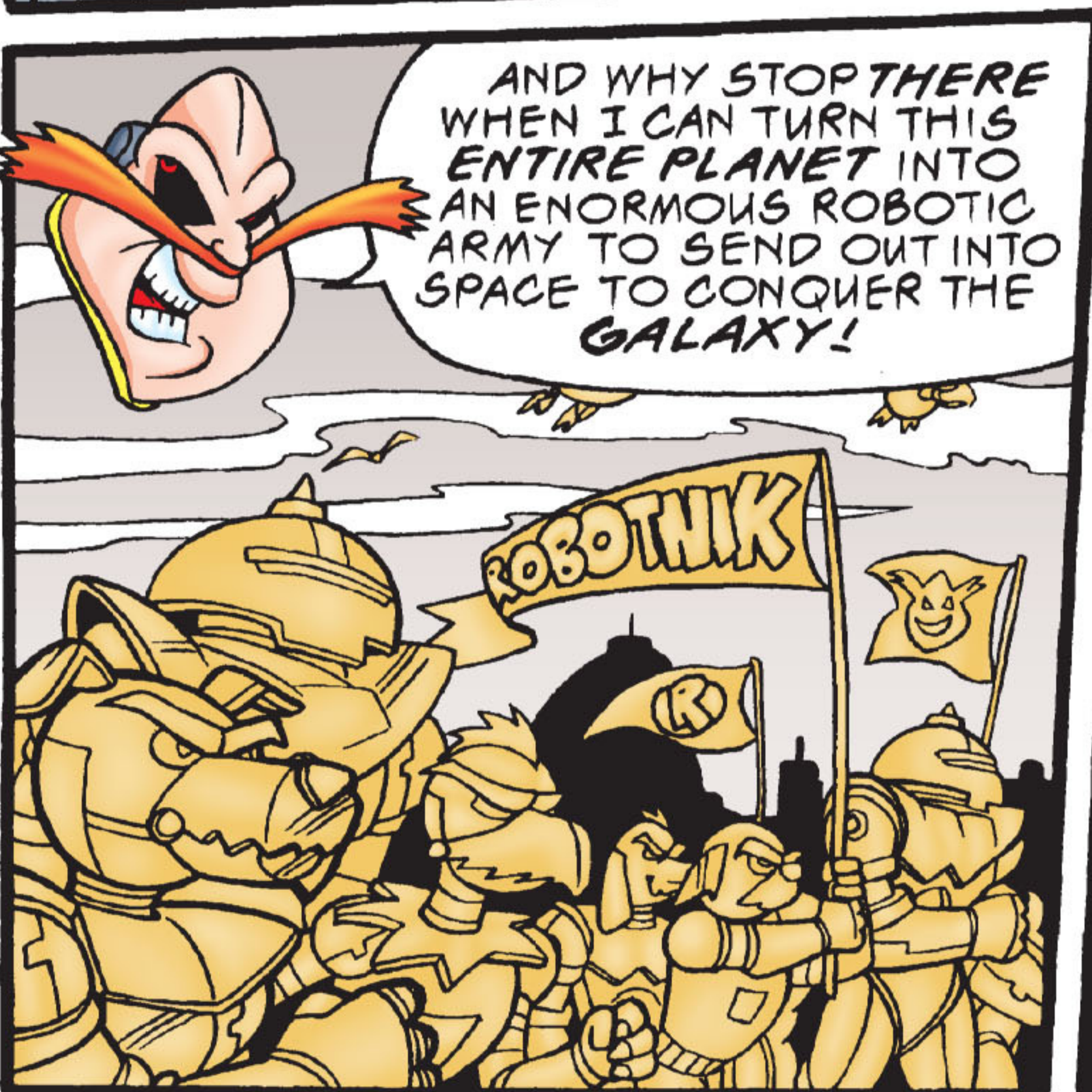
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SONIC TIME!**

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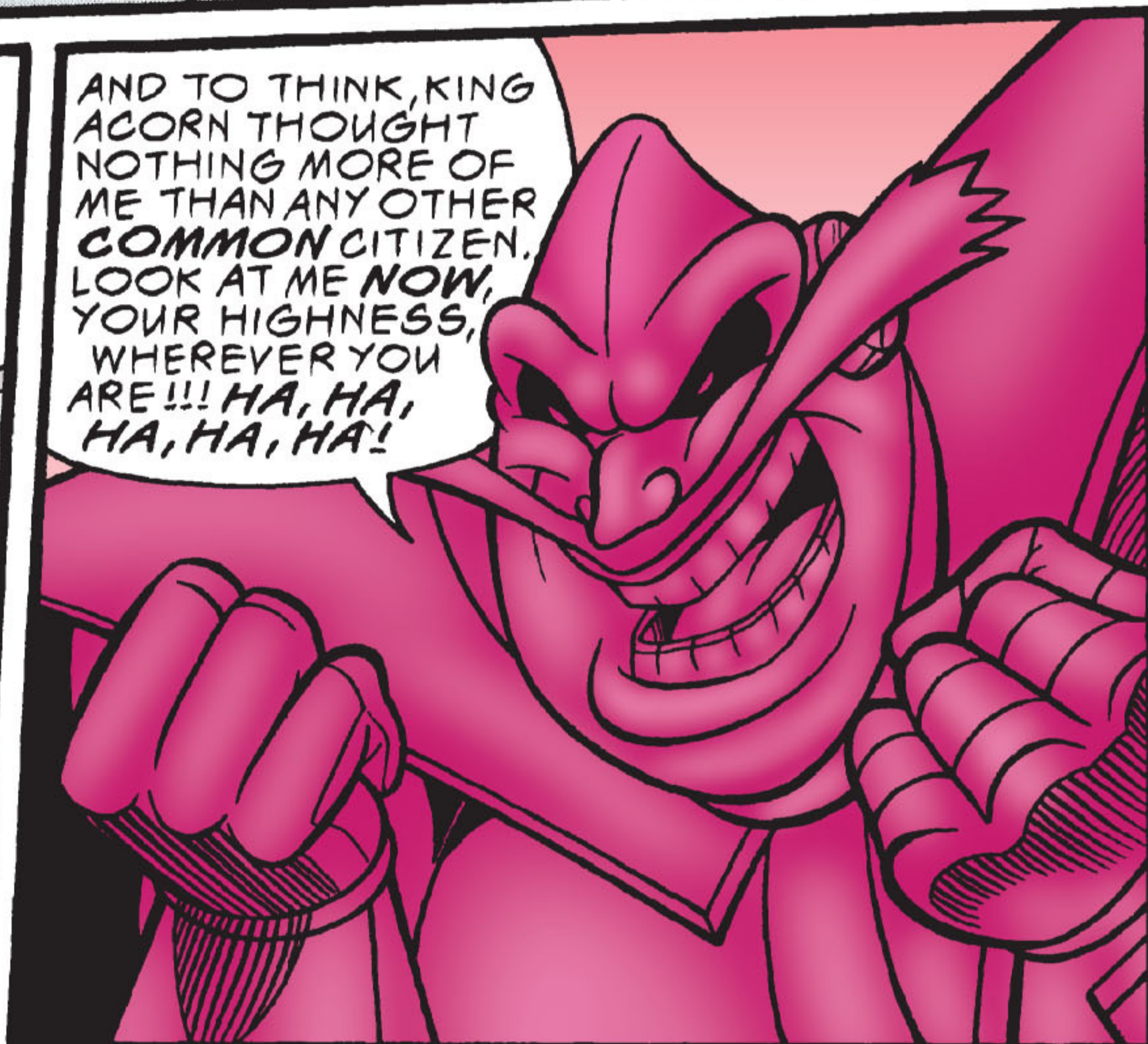


I KNOW I'VE SAID THOSE WHO FOLLOWED **MY LAW** WOULD BE SPARED. AND I'VE DONE THAT FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN IN POWER--

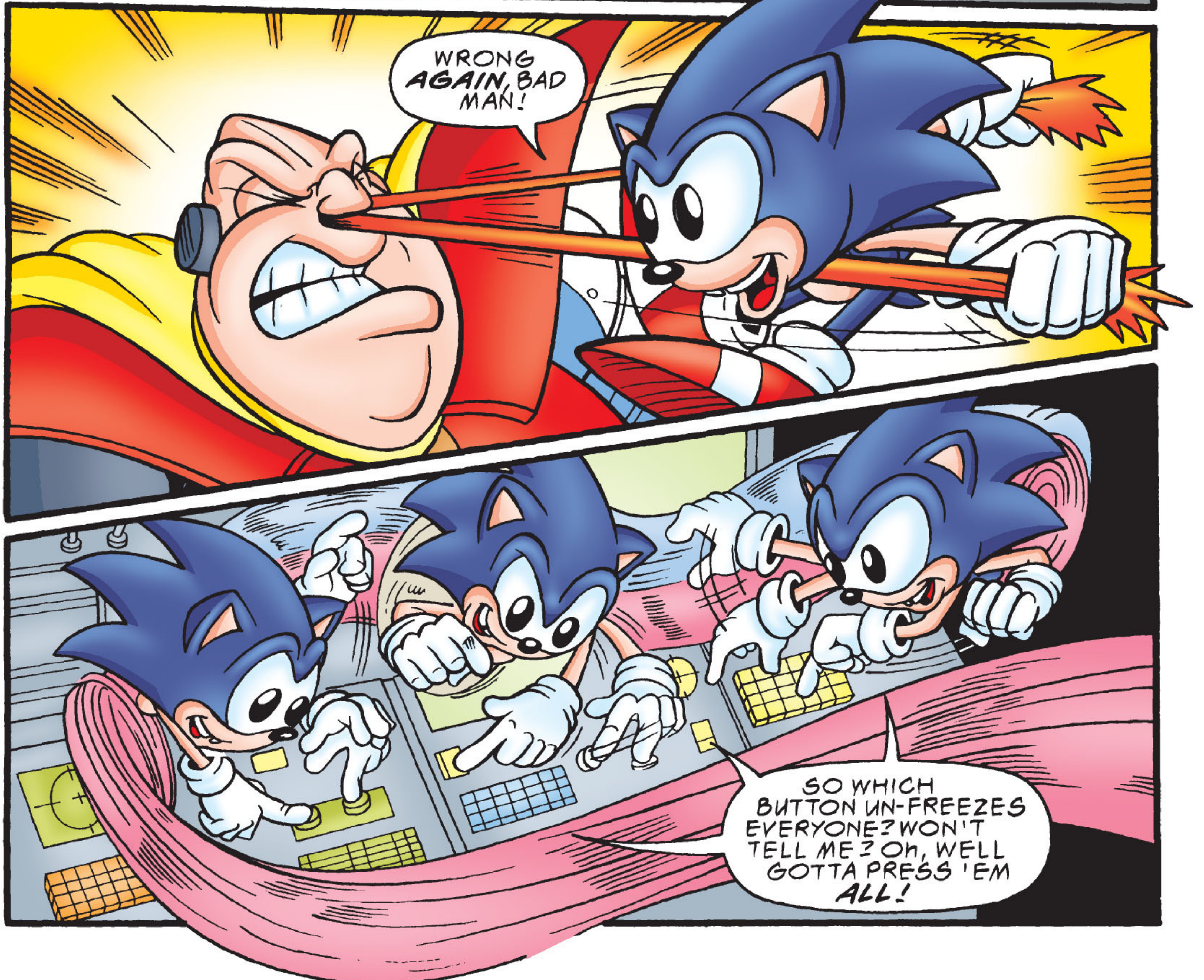
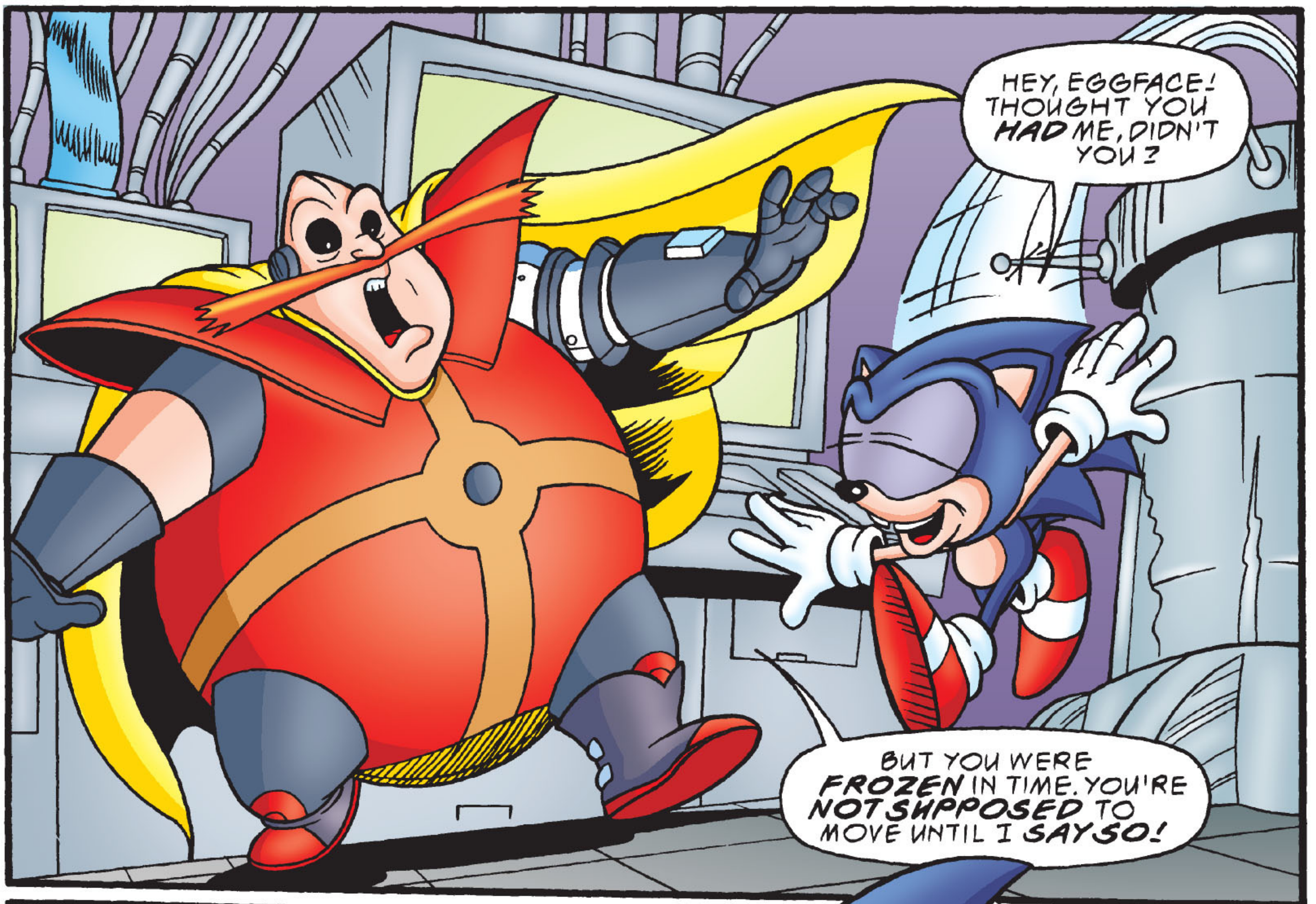
--BUT NOW I'VE **CHANGED MY MIND!** HAVING YOU FURRY CREATURES FOLLOW MY ORDERS IS A LOT LIKE BEING A ROBOT ALREADY, SO WHY NOT JUST GET IT OVER WITH, HMMM?

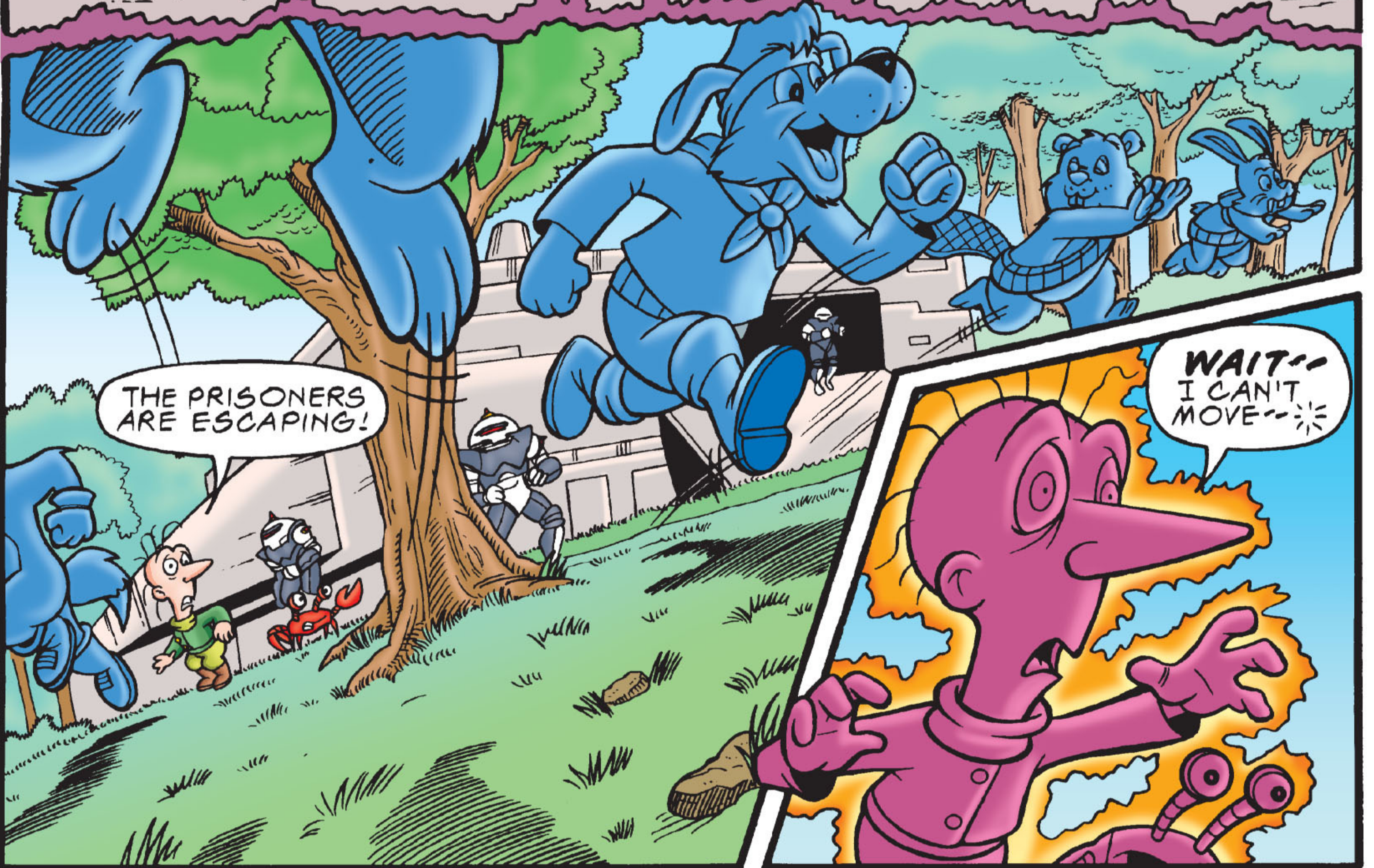
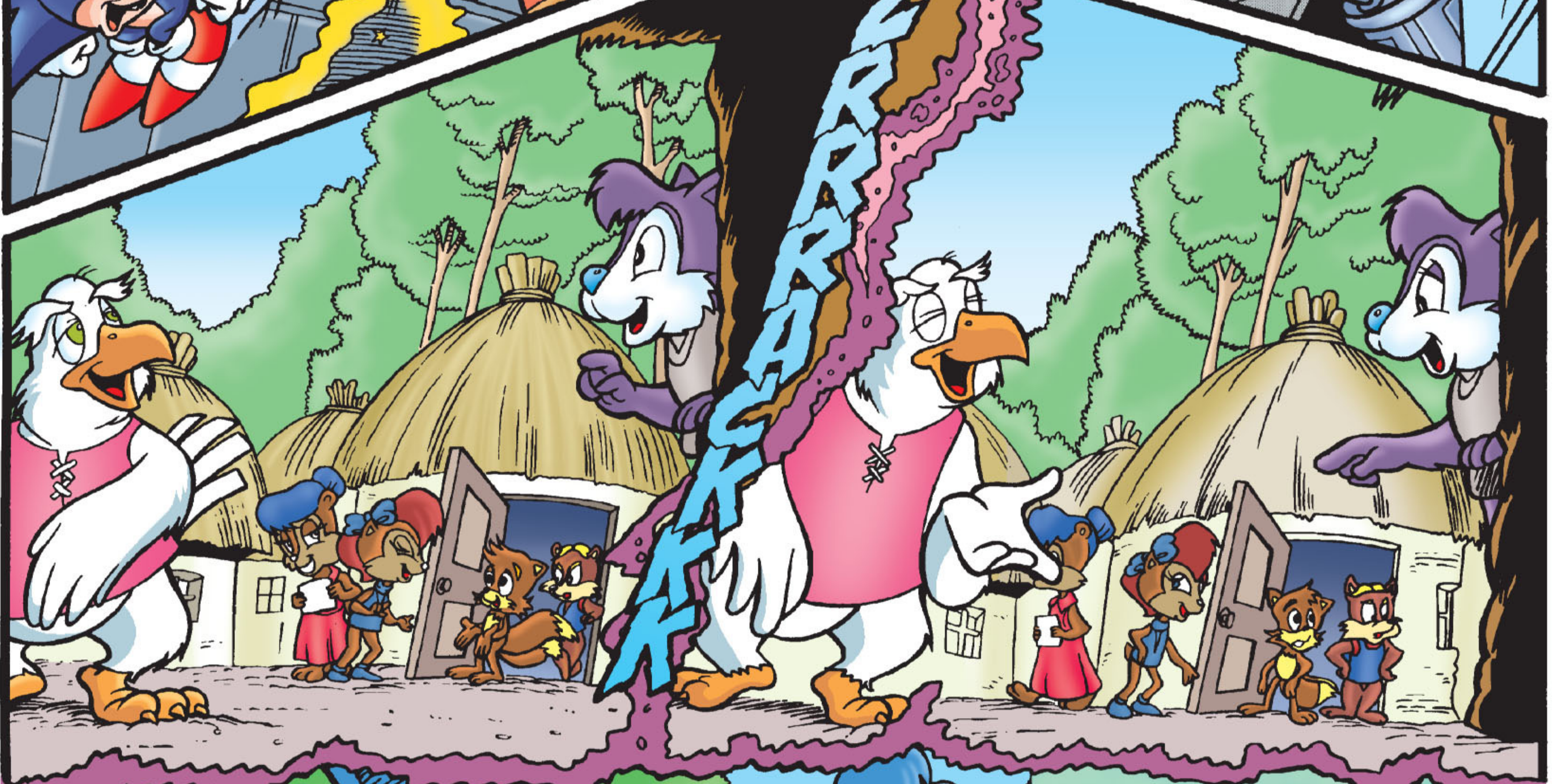
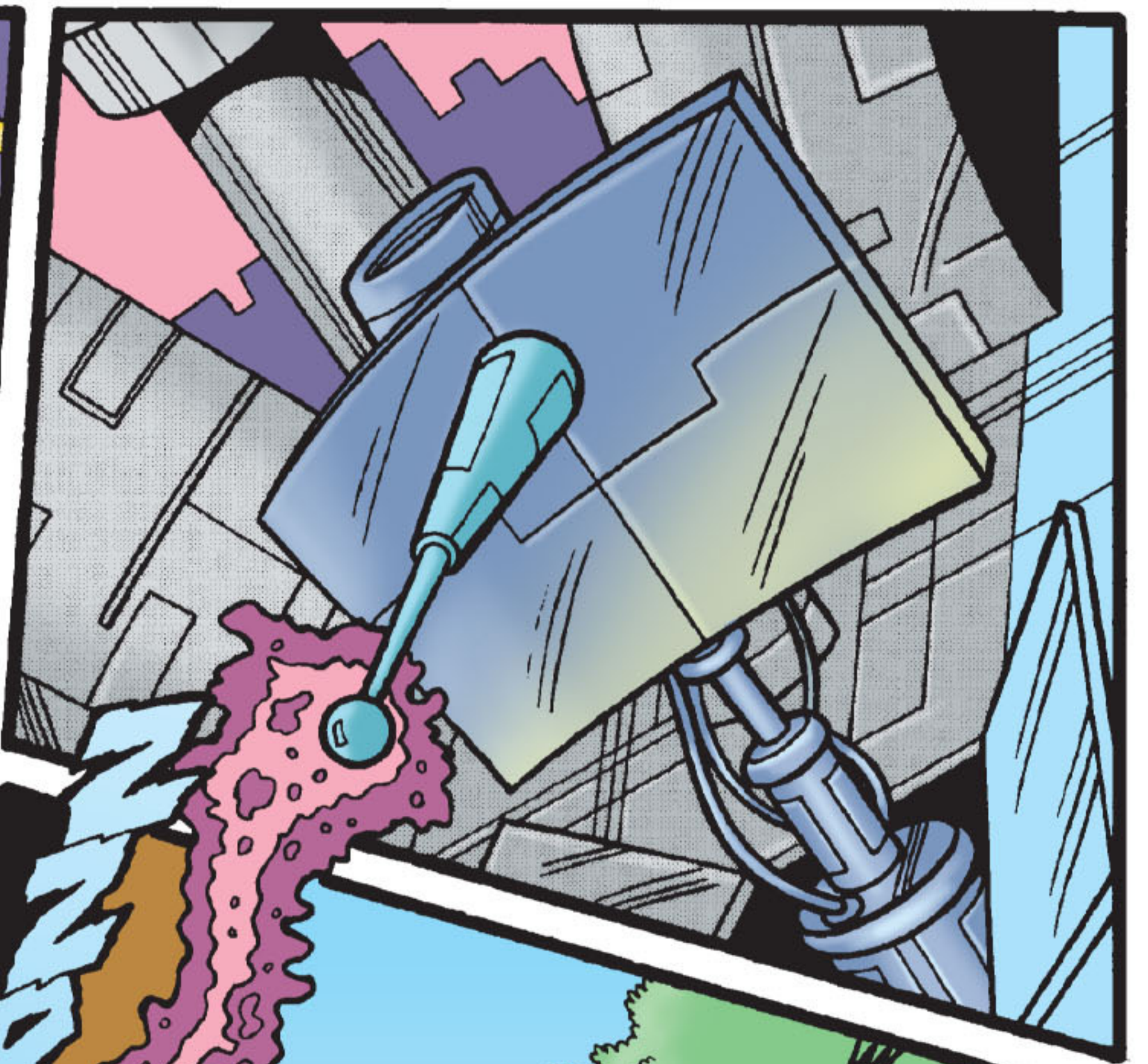
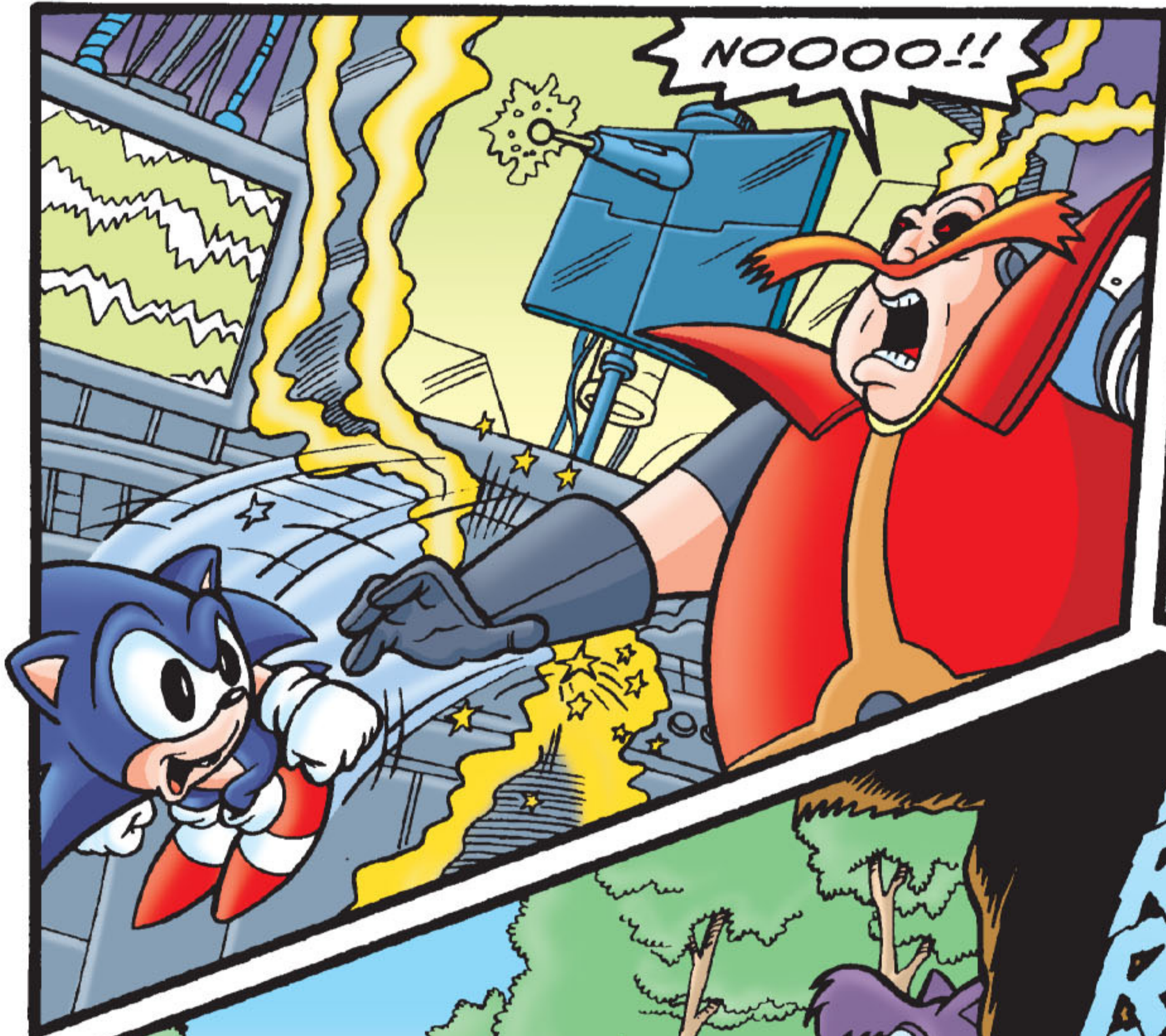


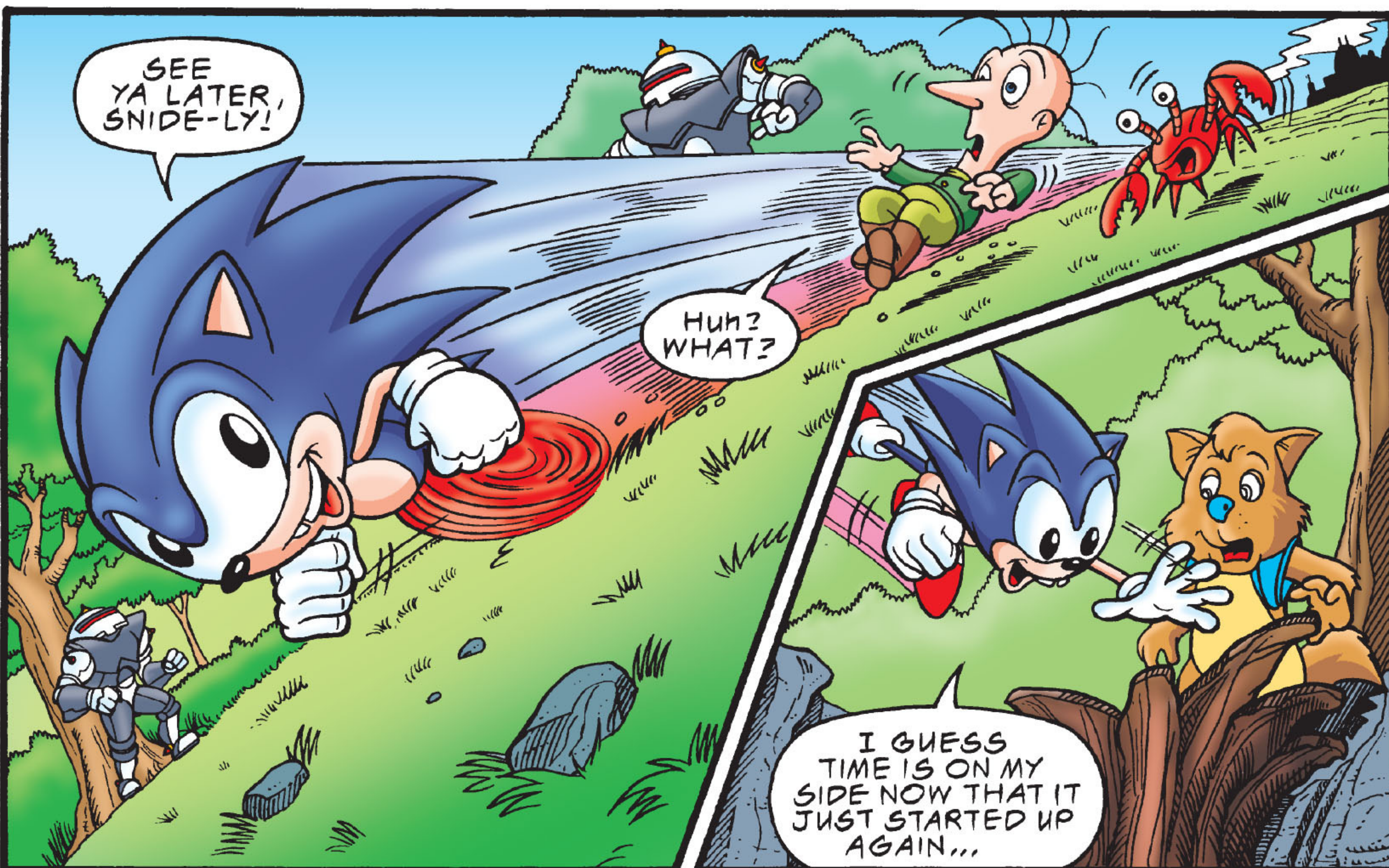
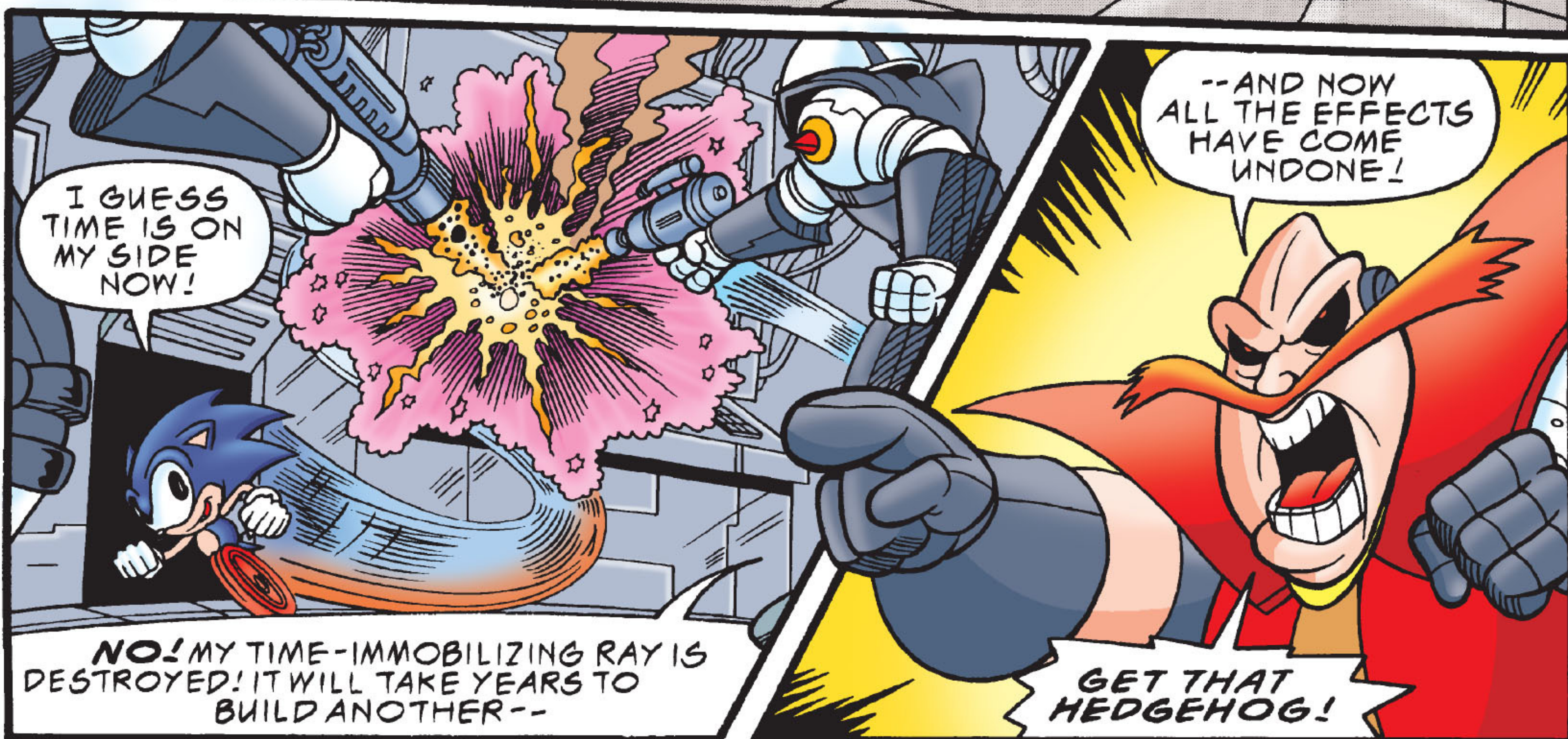
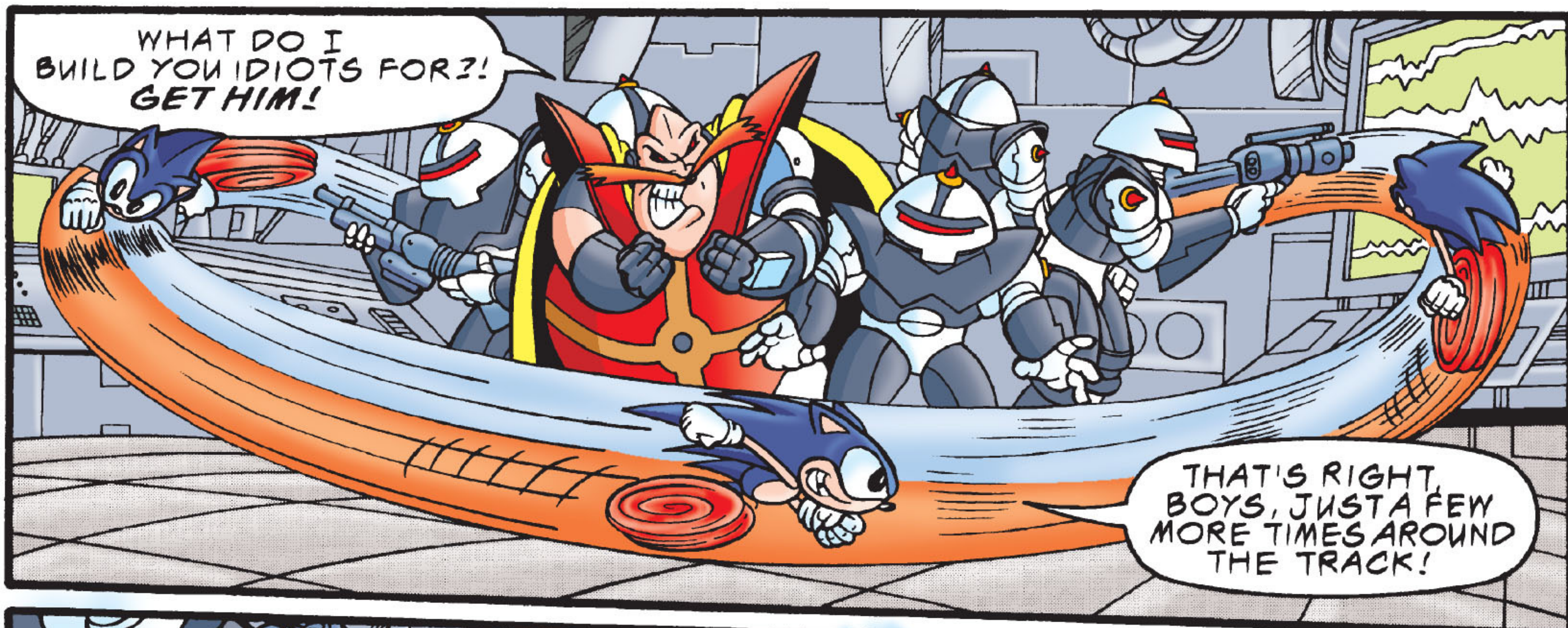
AND WHY STOP **THERE** WHEN I CAN TURN THIS **ENTIRE PLANET** INTO AN ENORMOUS ROBOTIC ARMY TO SEND OUT INTO SPACE TO CONQUER THE **GALAXY!**

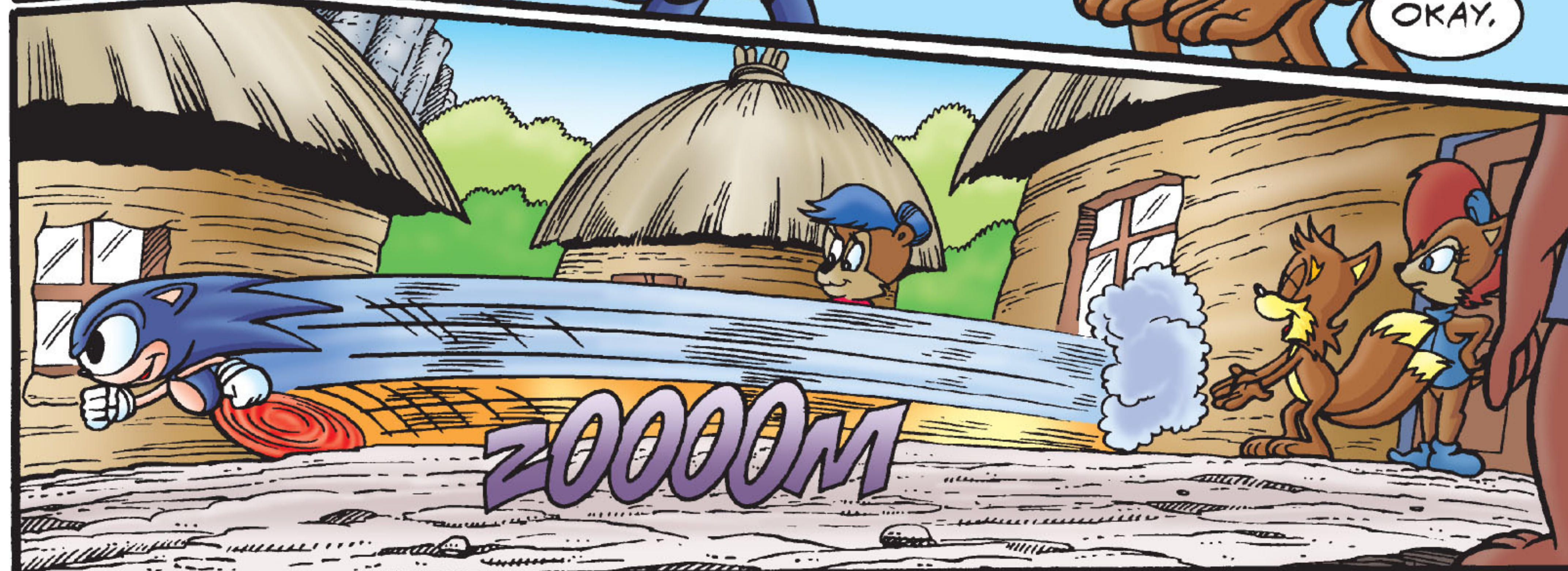
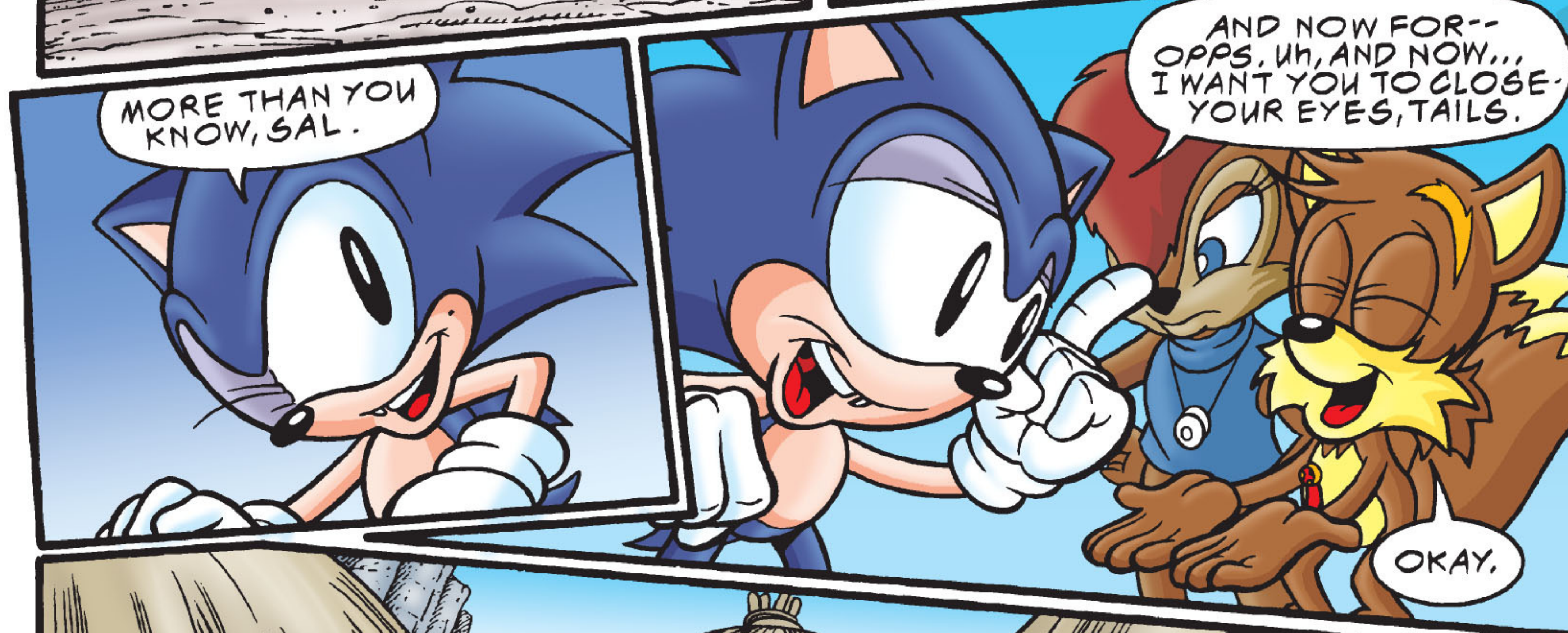
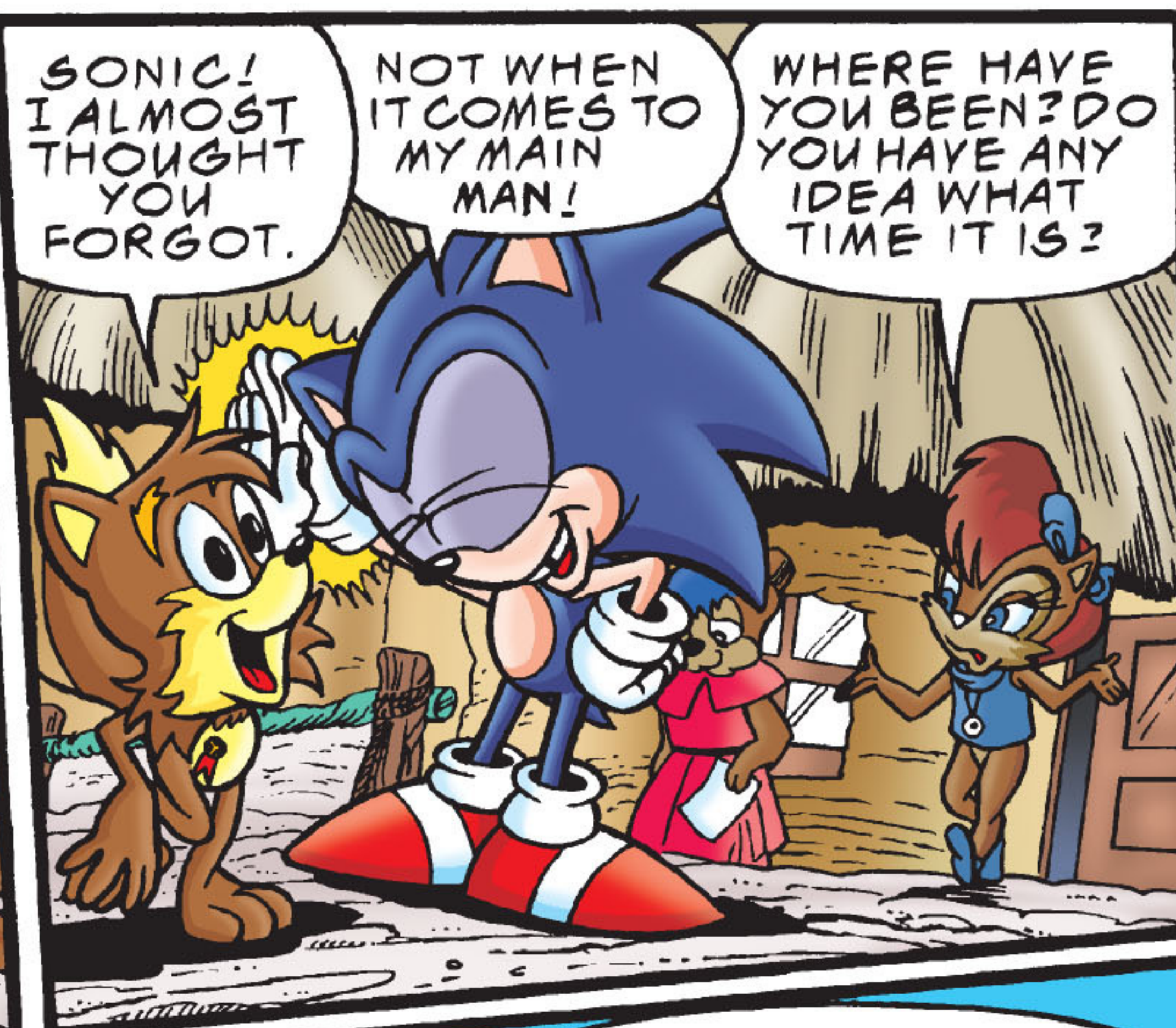


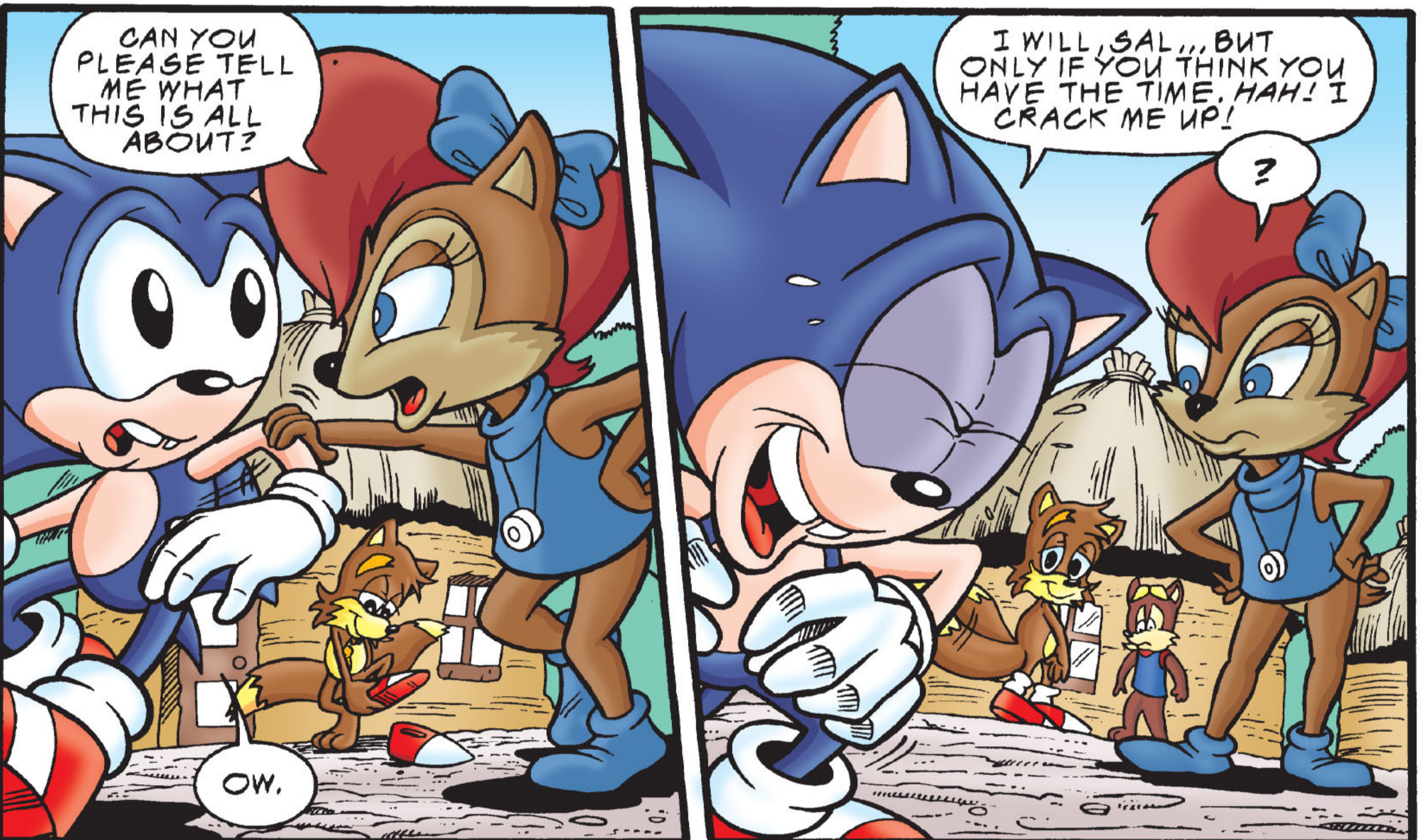
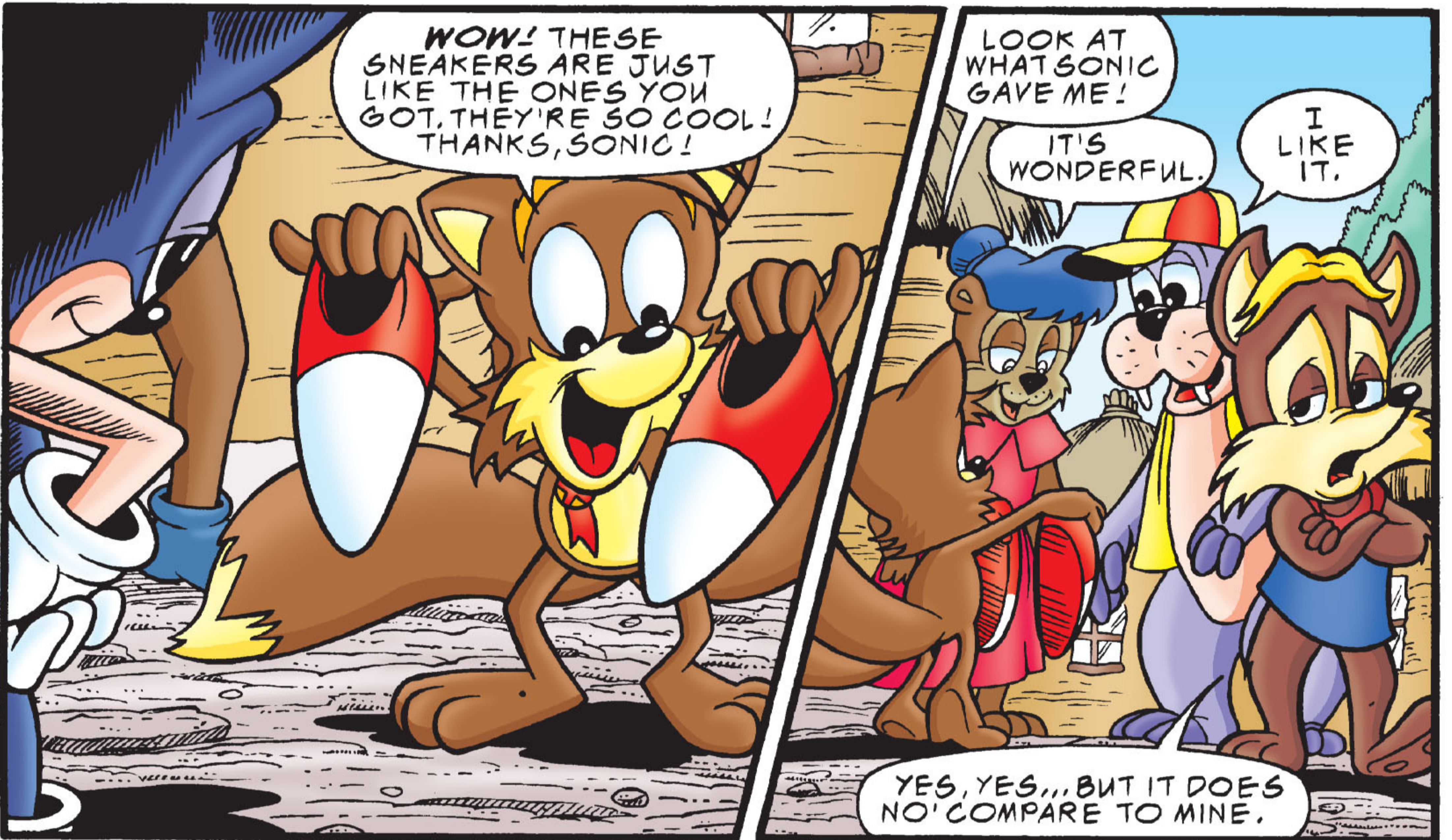
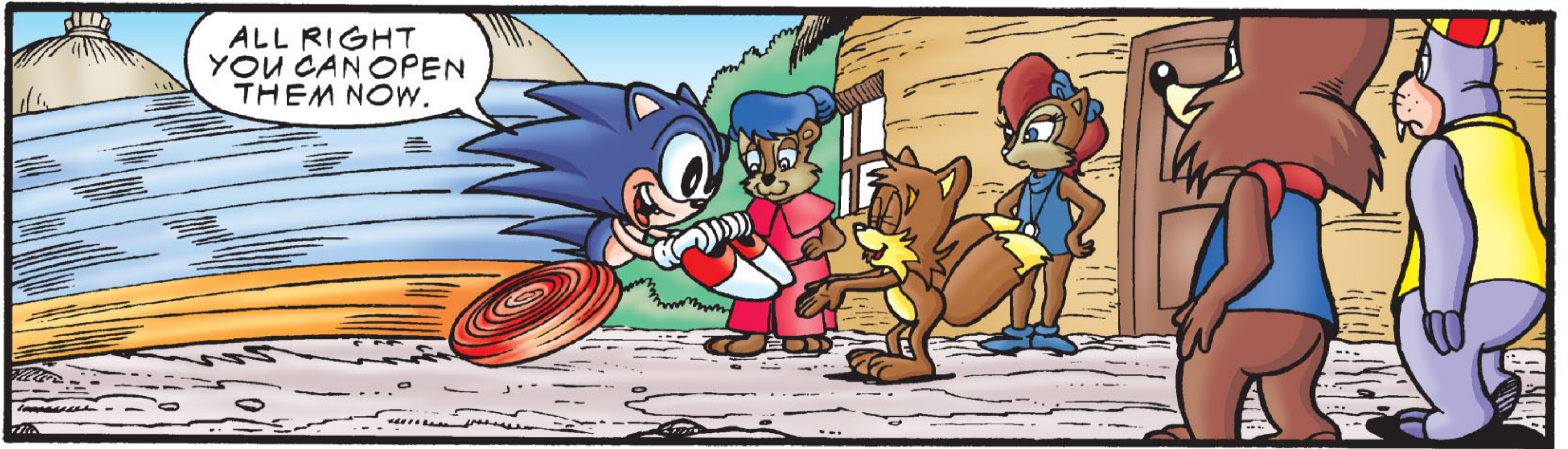
AND TO THINK, KING ACORN THOUGHT NOTHING MORE OF ME THAN ANY OTHER **COMMON** CITIZEN. LOOK AT ME **NOW**, YOUR HIGHNESS, WHEREVER YOU ARE!!! **HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!**

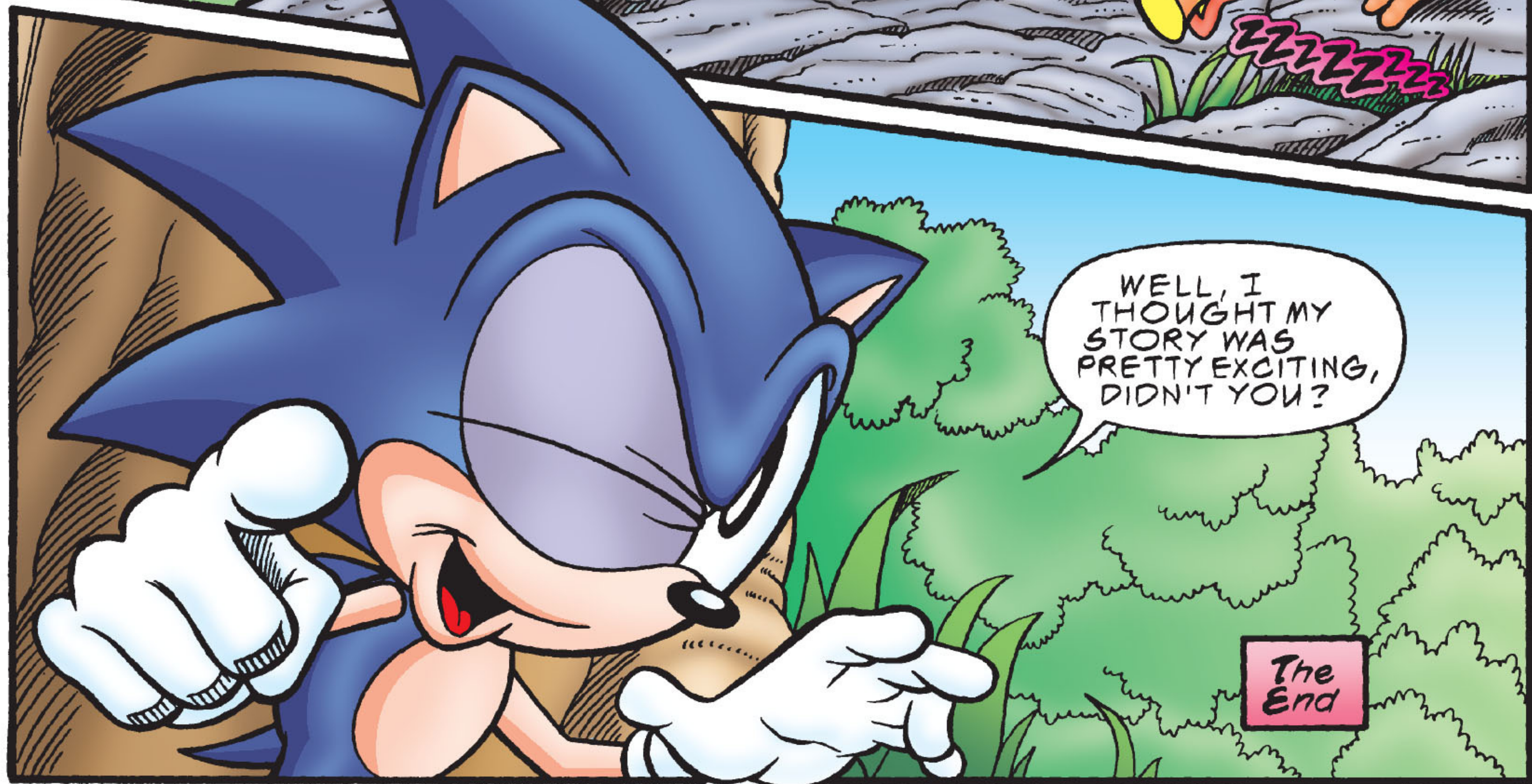
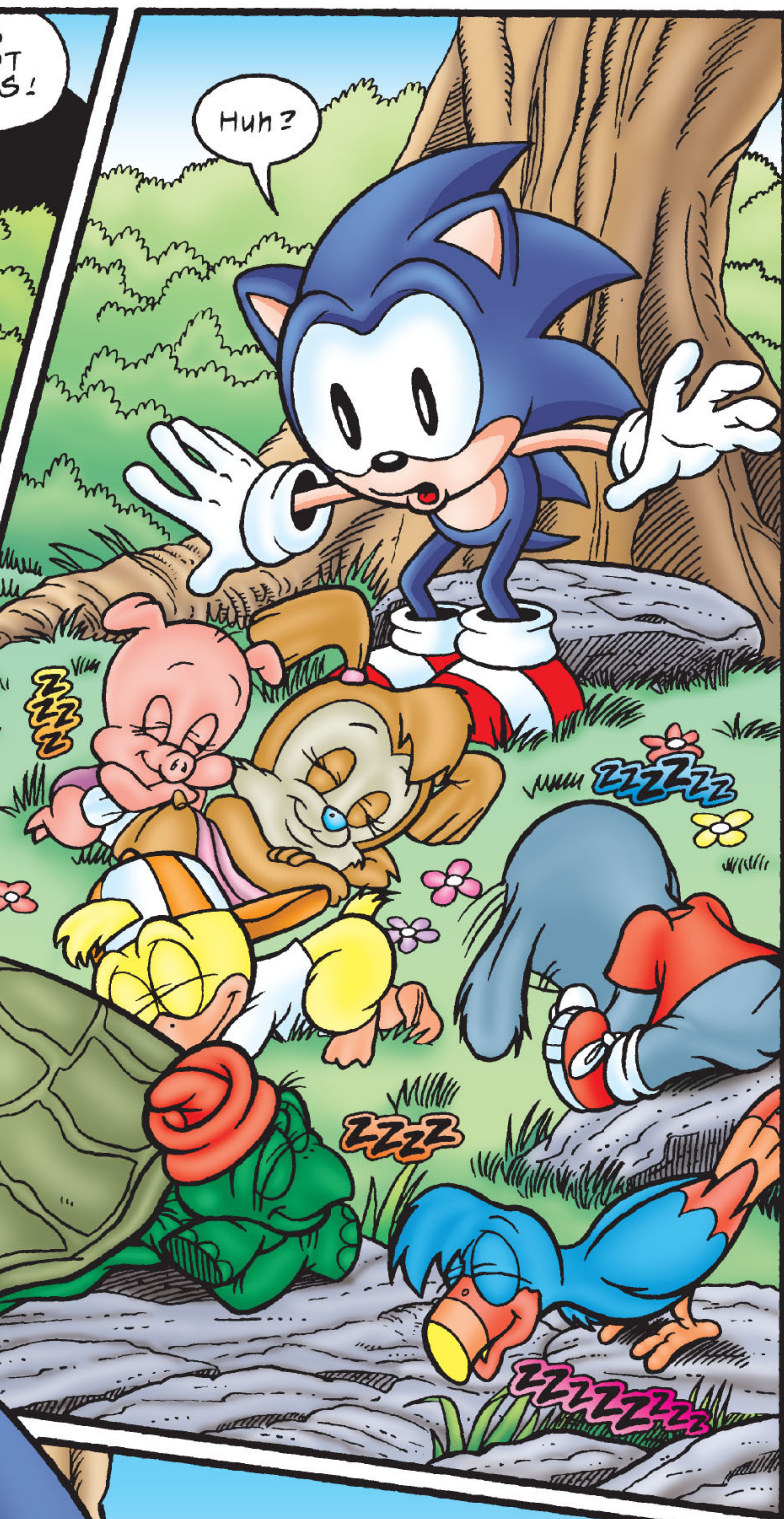
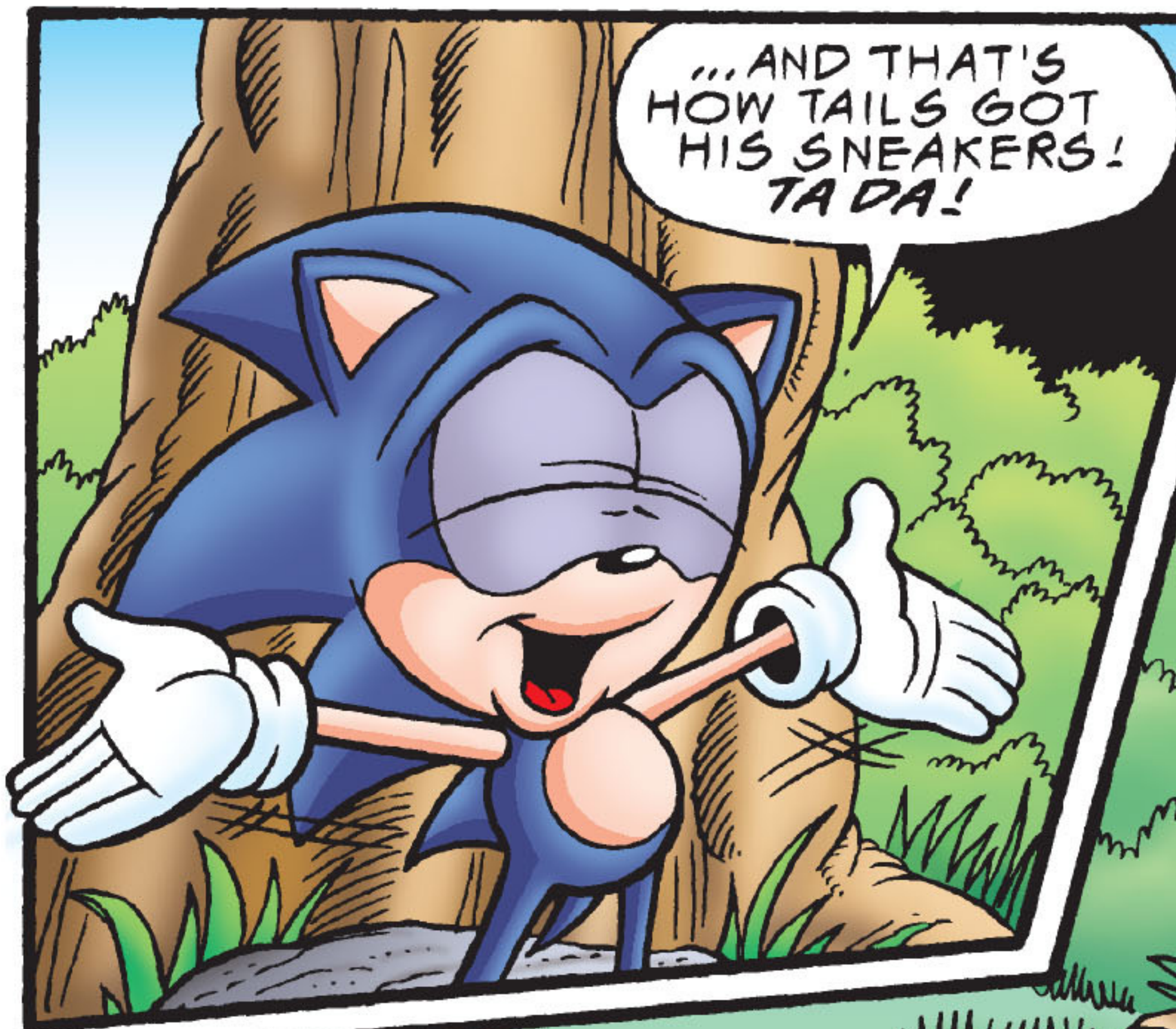












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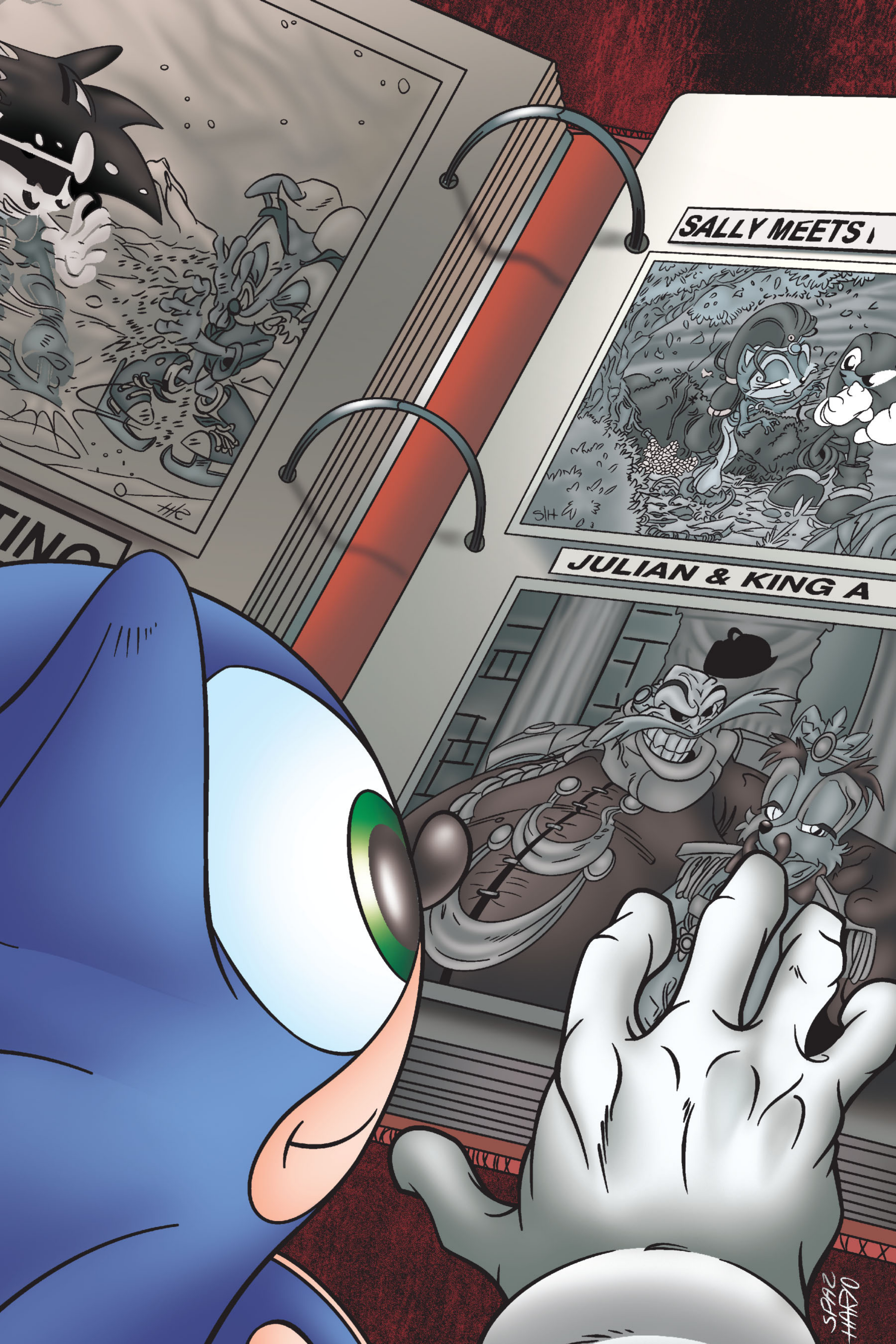
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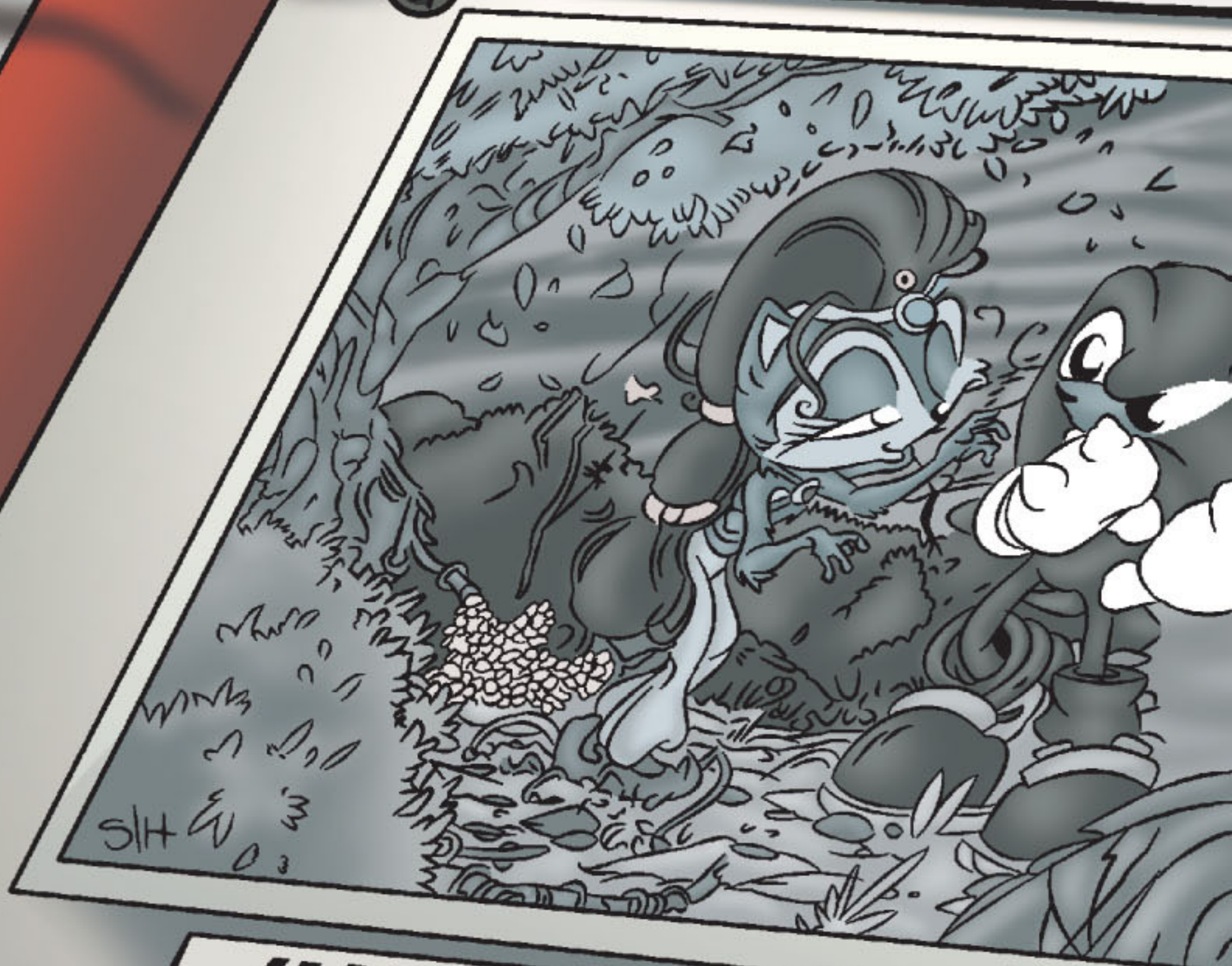
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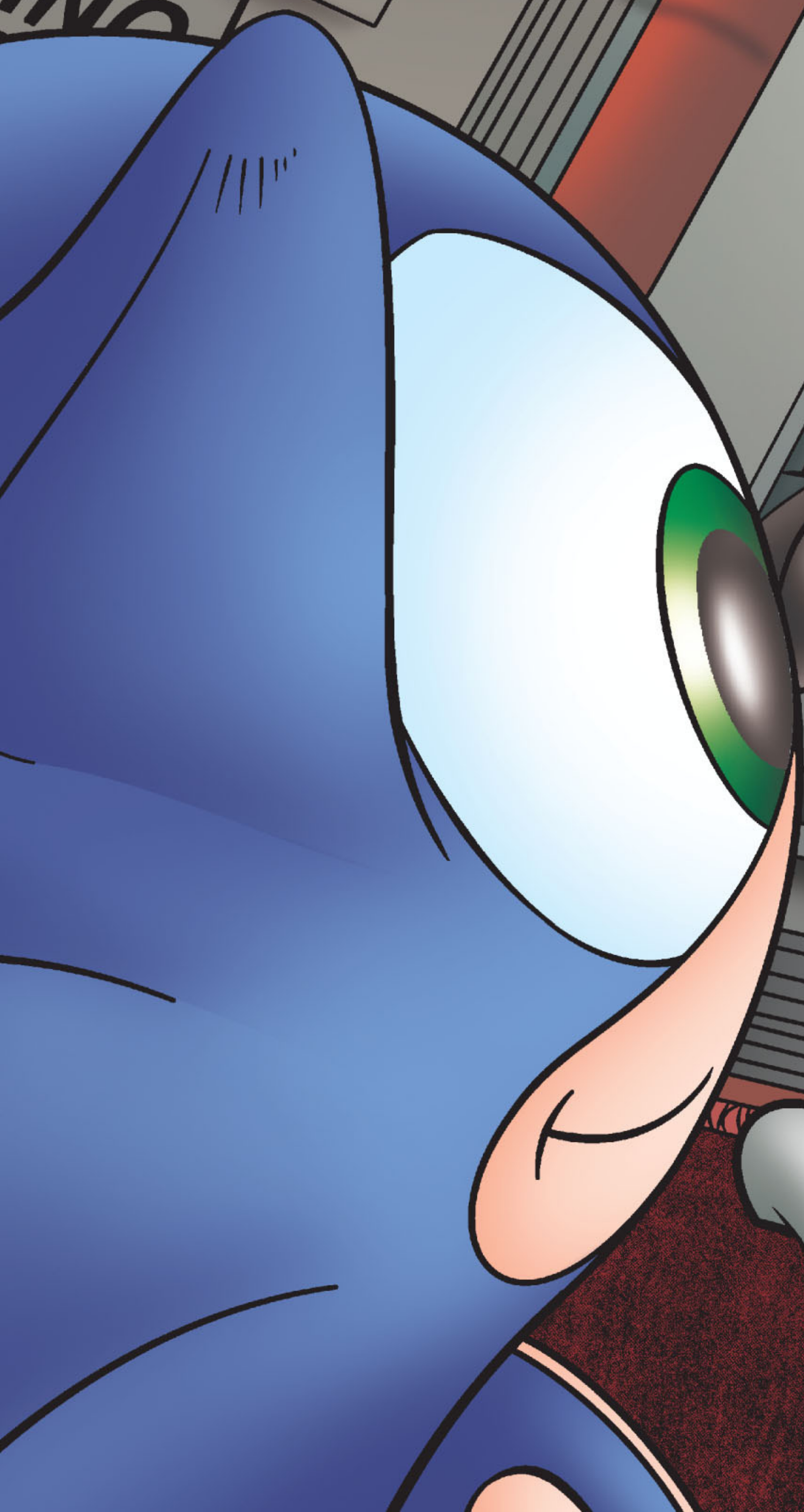
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A GREAT TEAM,
SONIC--SNOW DOUBT
ABOUT IT!

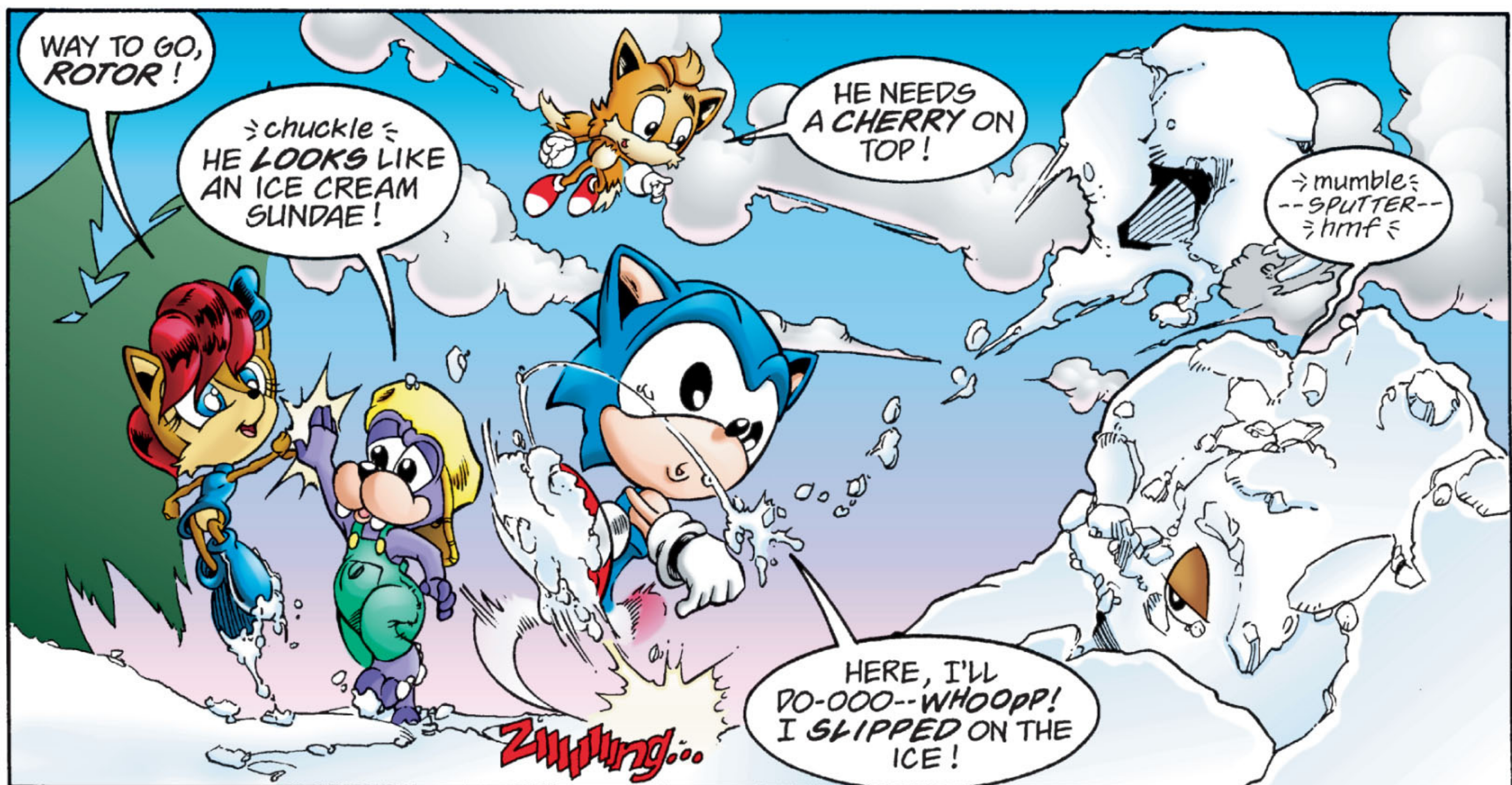
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LITTLE BUDDY! JUST
KEEP SPINNING THOSE
TAILS 'TIL ANTOINE
CRIES "UNCLE!"

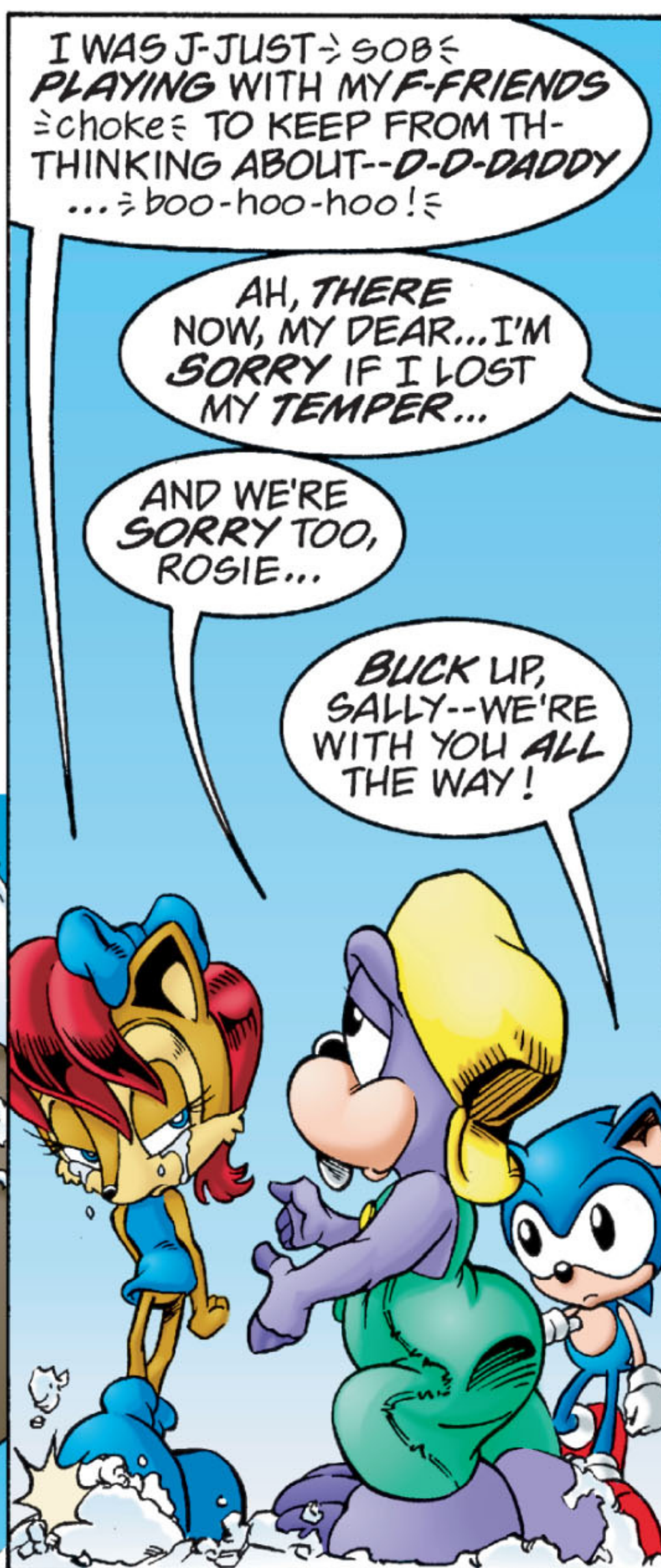
ALORS!
ZIS IS MY
WATERLOO!

YOU'RE A
WIZARD WHEN IT
COMES TO
BUILDING THINGS,
BOOMER!

THANKS, PRINCESS...
BUT CALL ME ROTOR. I'M
GETTIN' TOO OLD
TO BE CALLED BOOMER
ANYMORE.

**BOMBS
AWAY!**



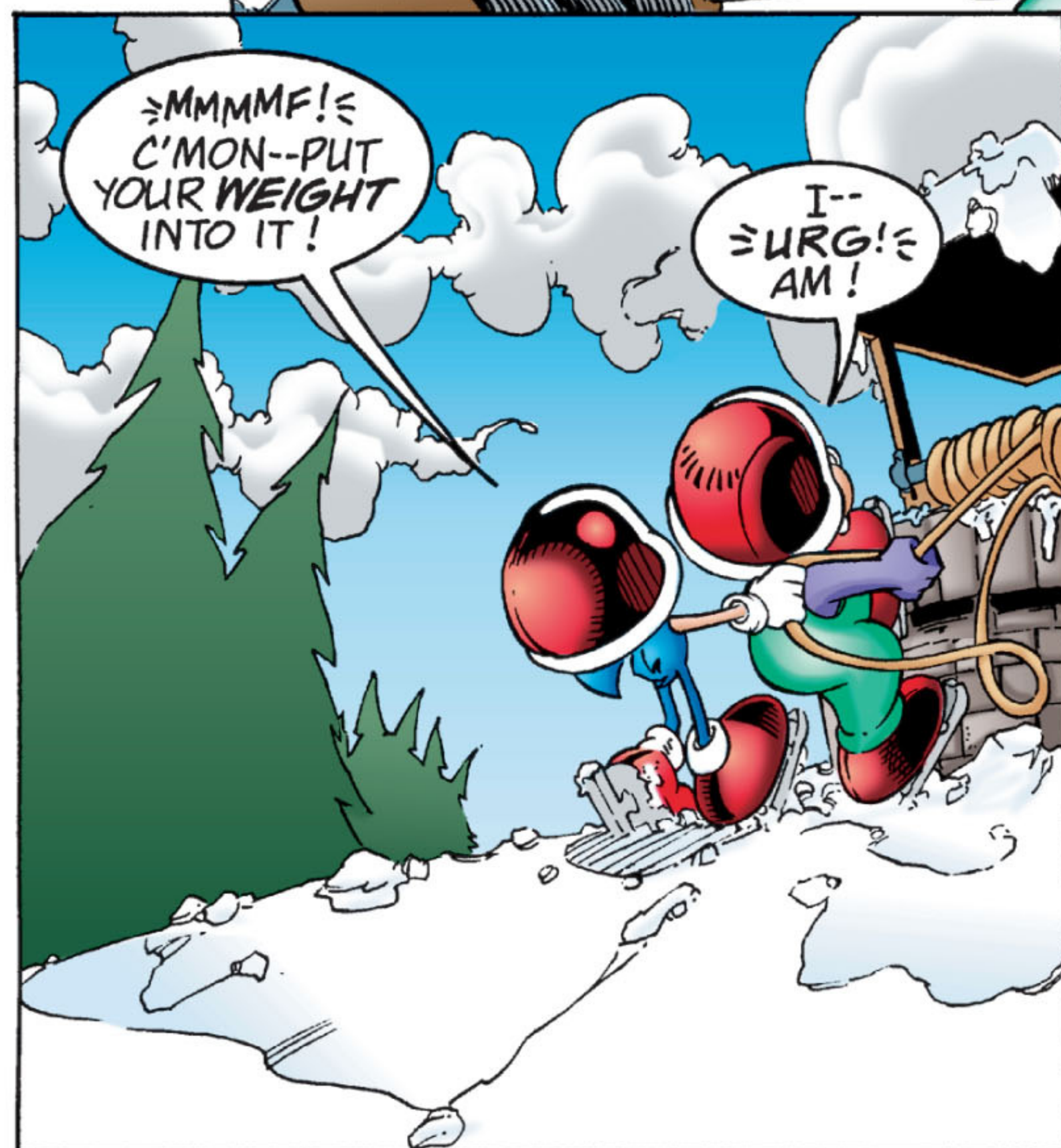
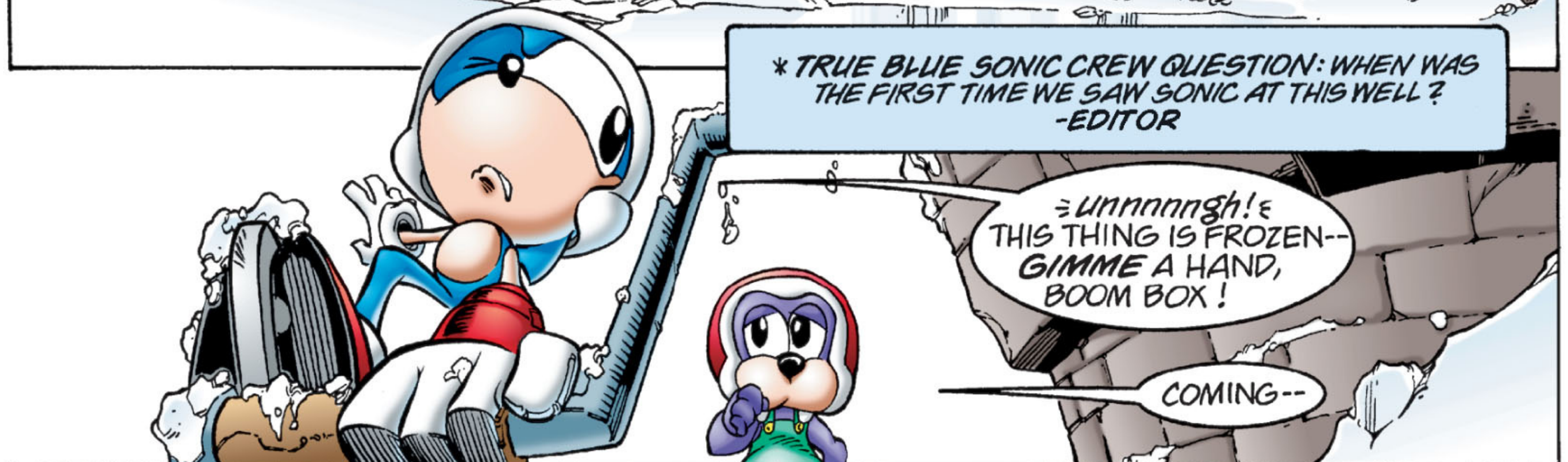




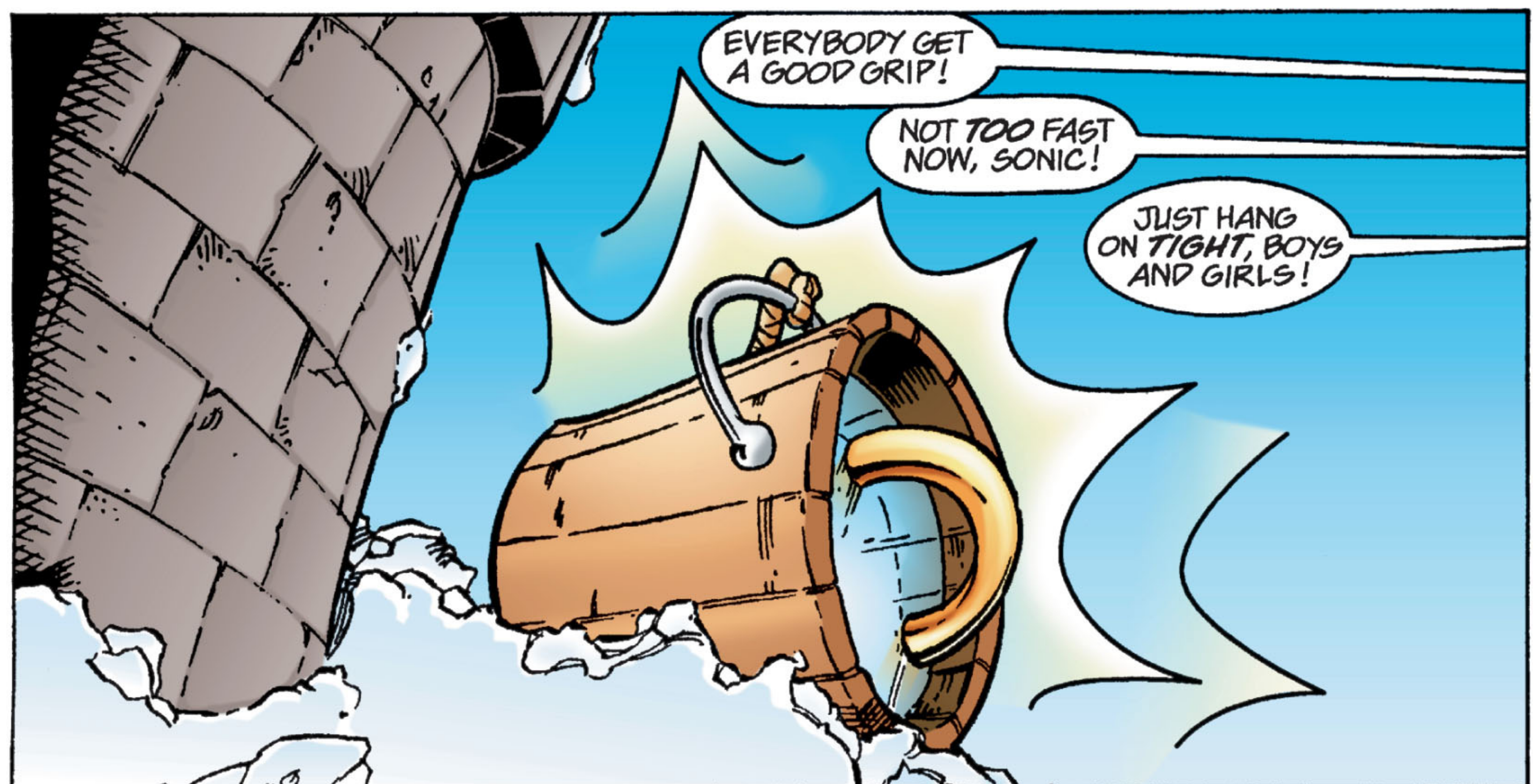
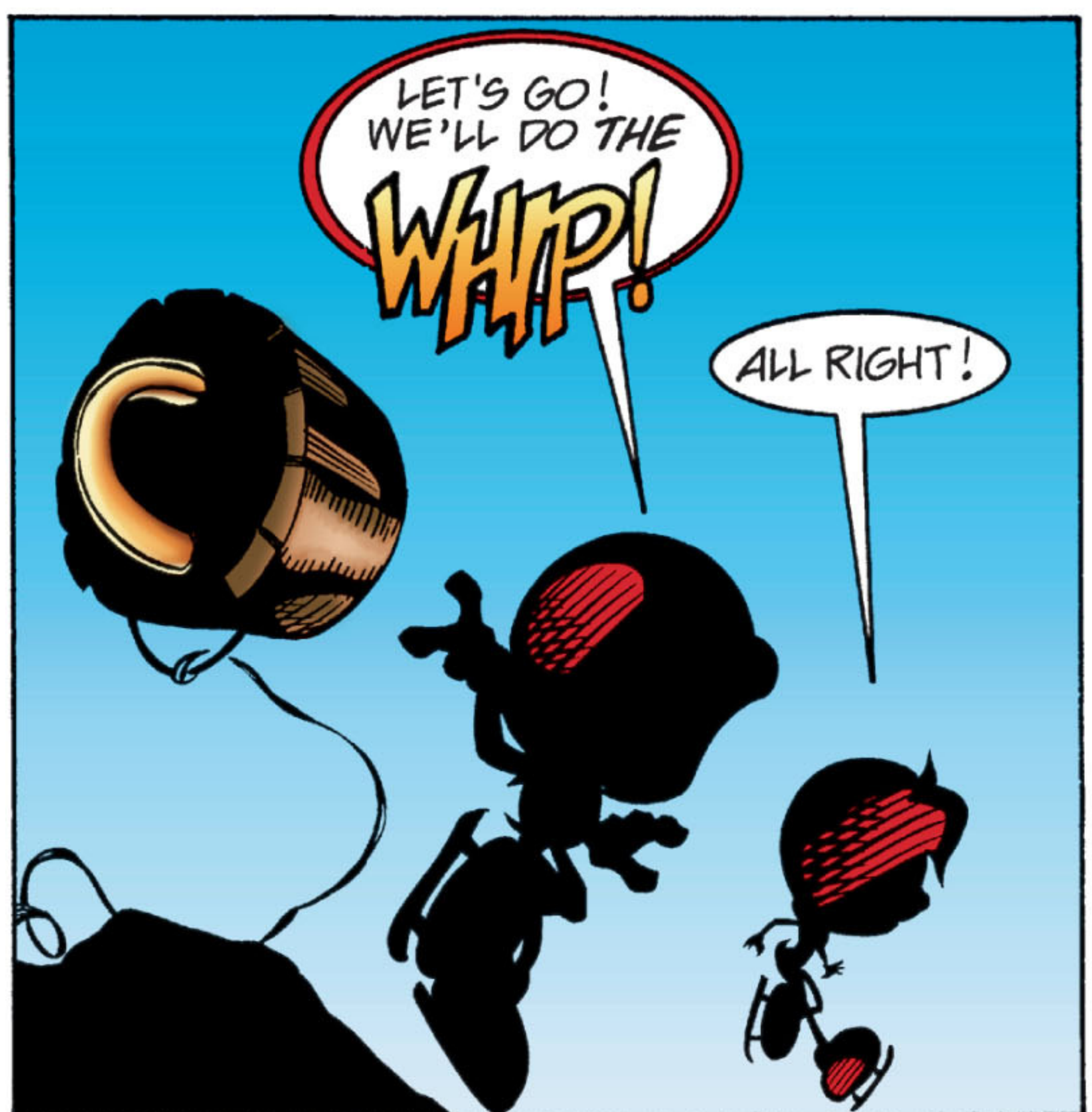
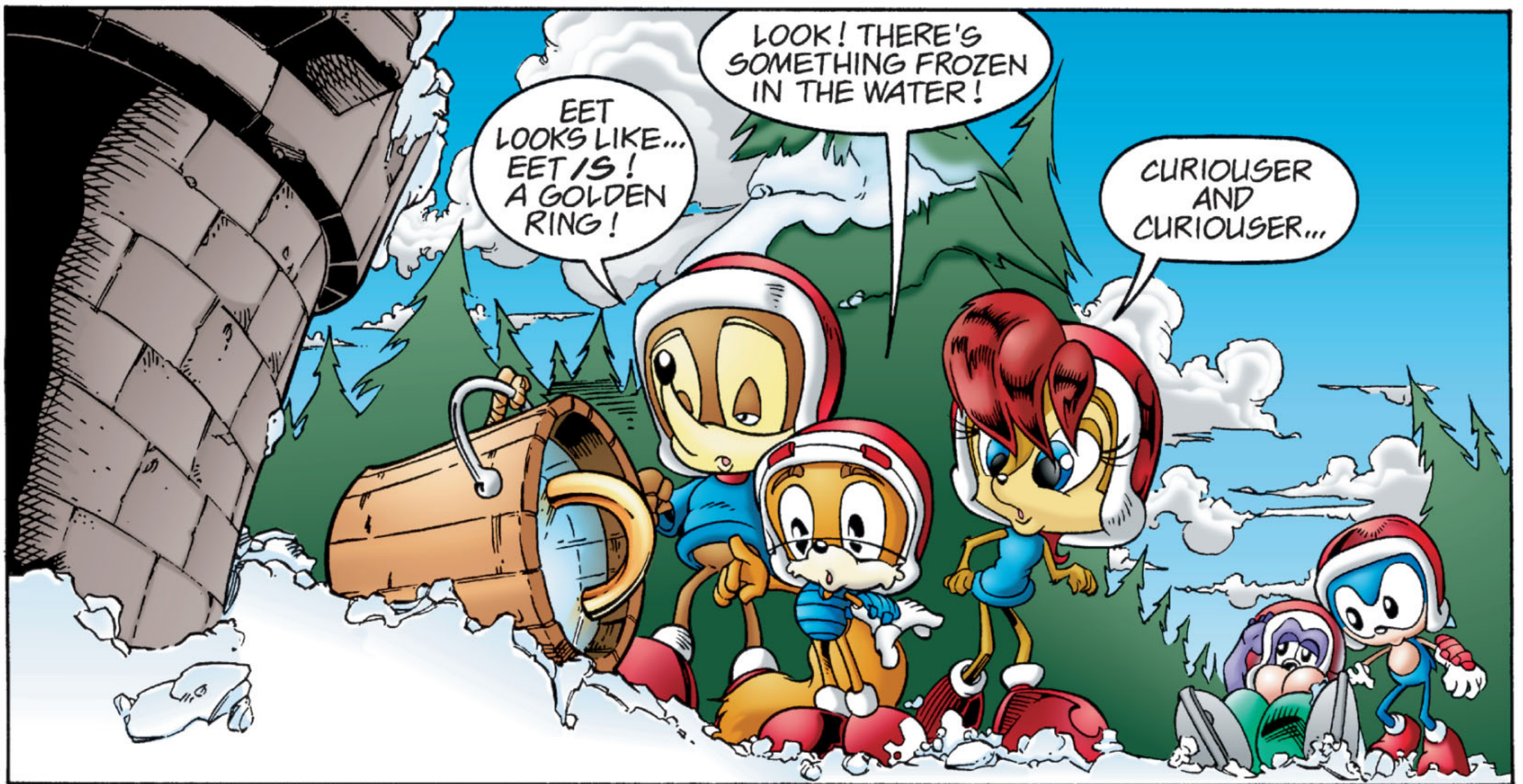
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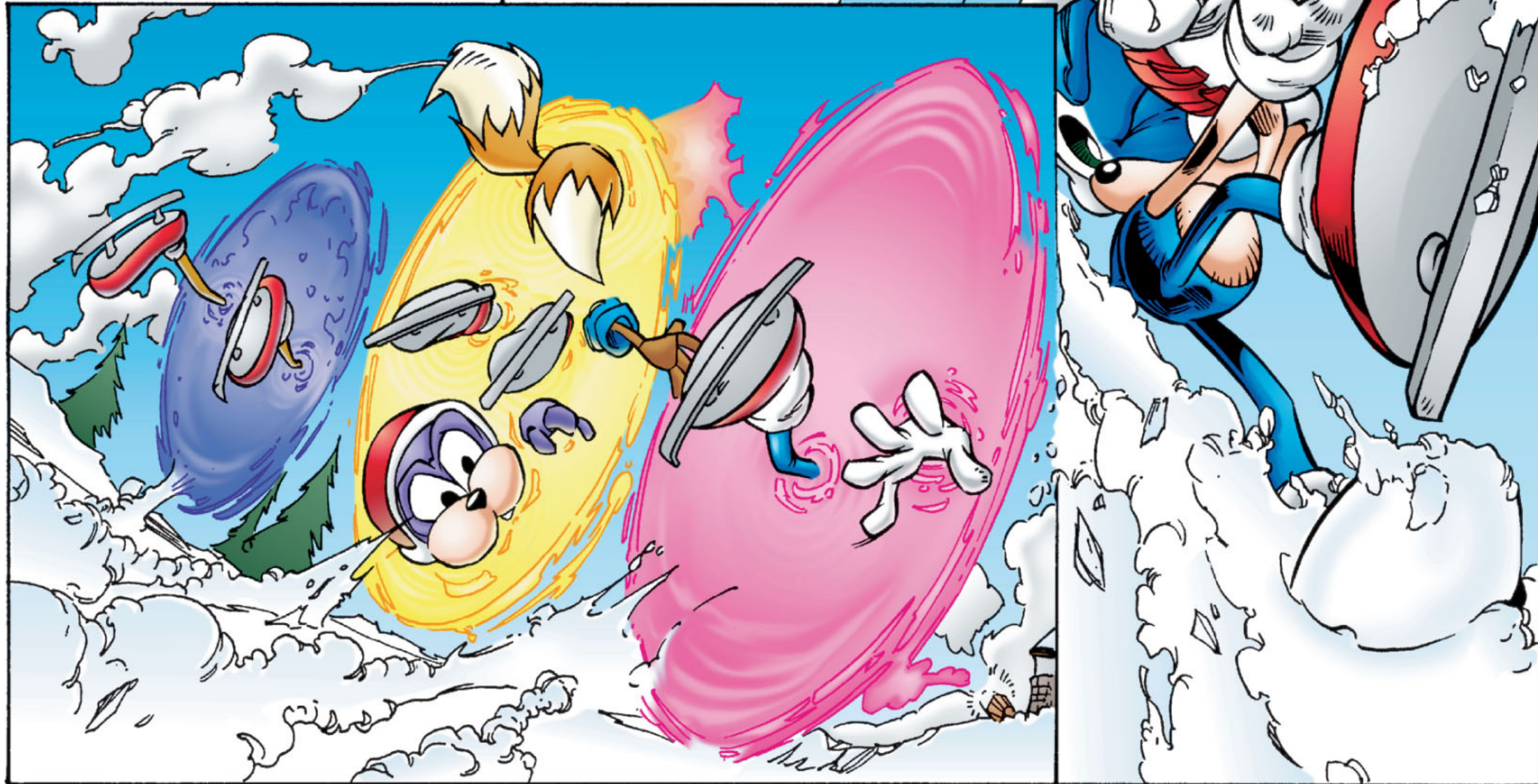
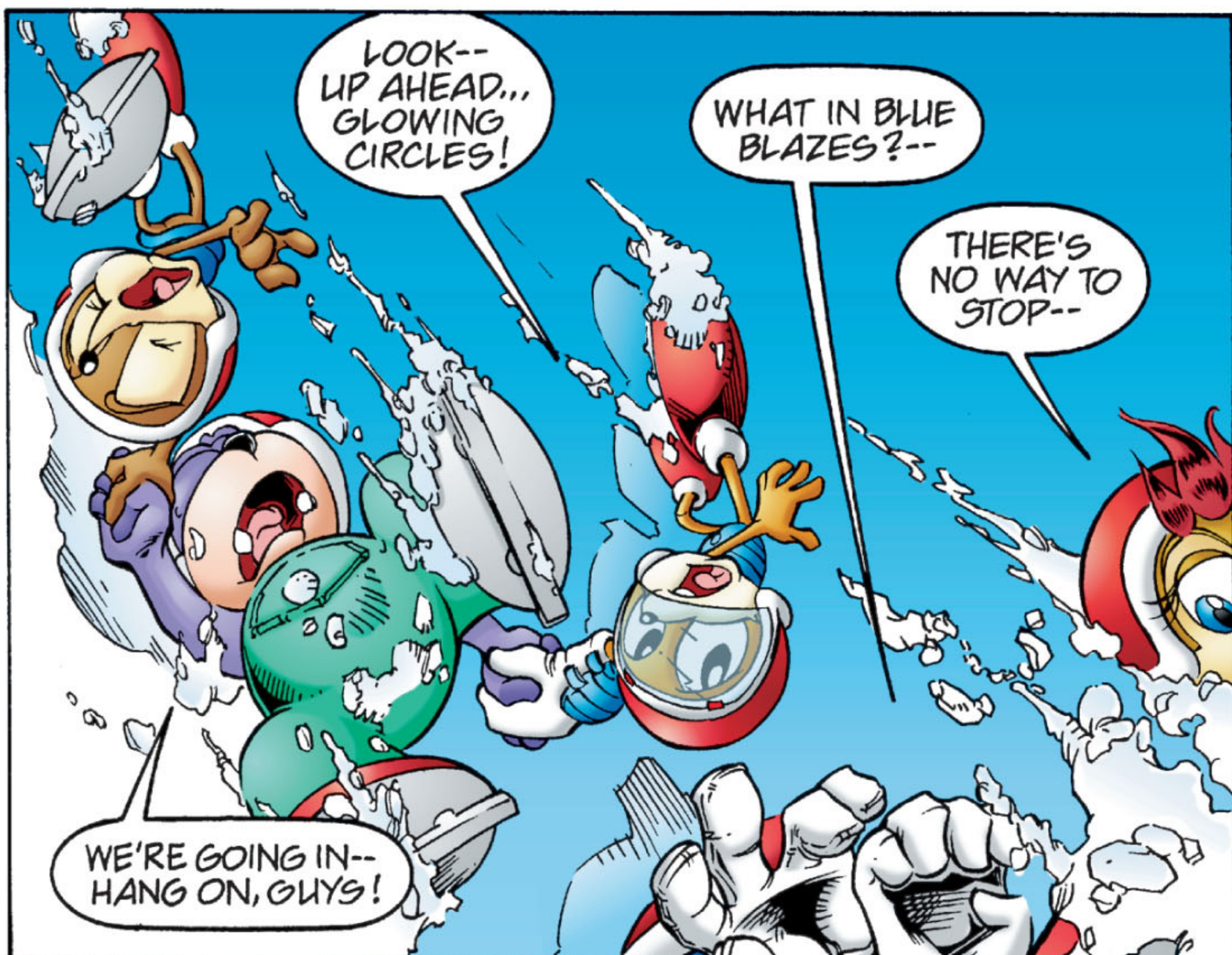
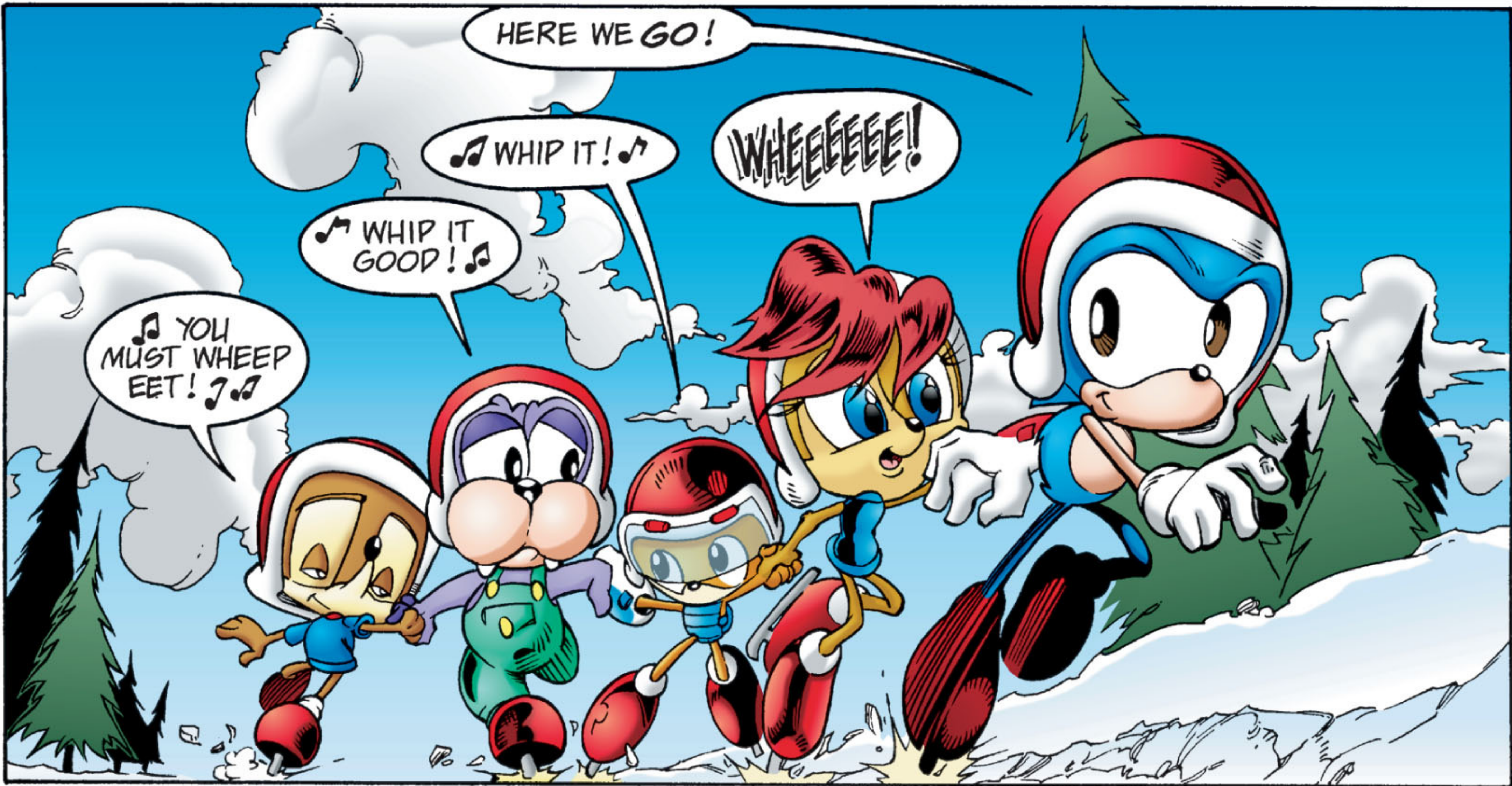


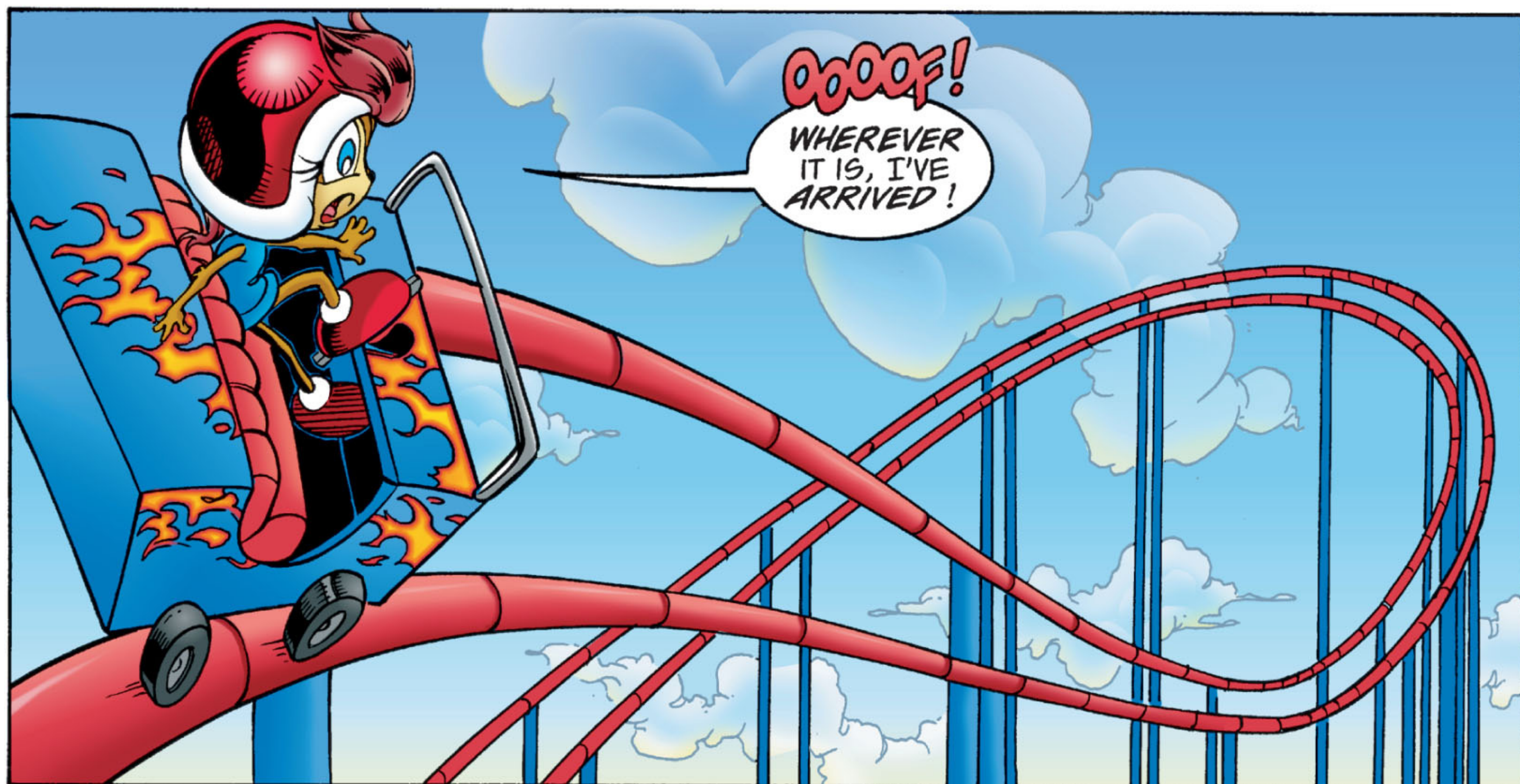
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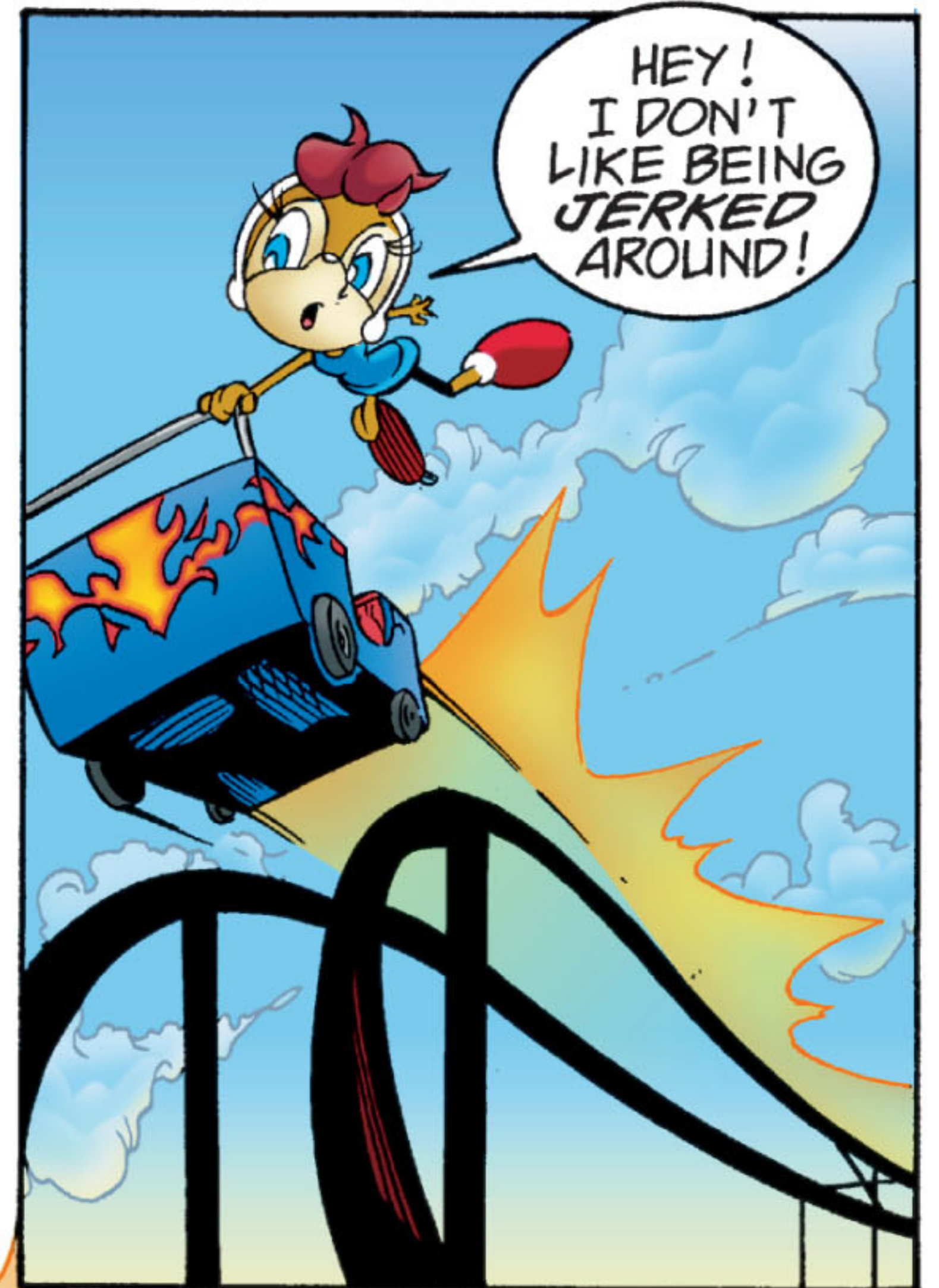
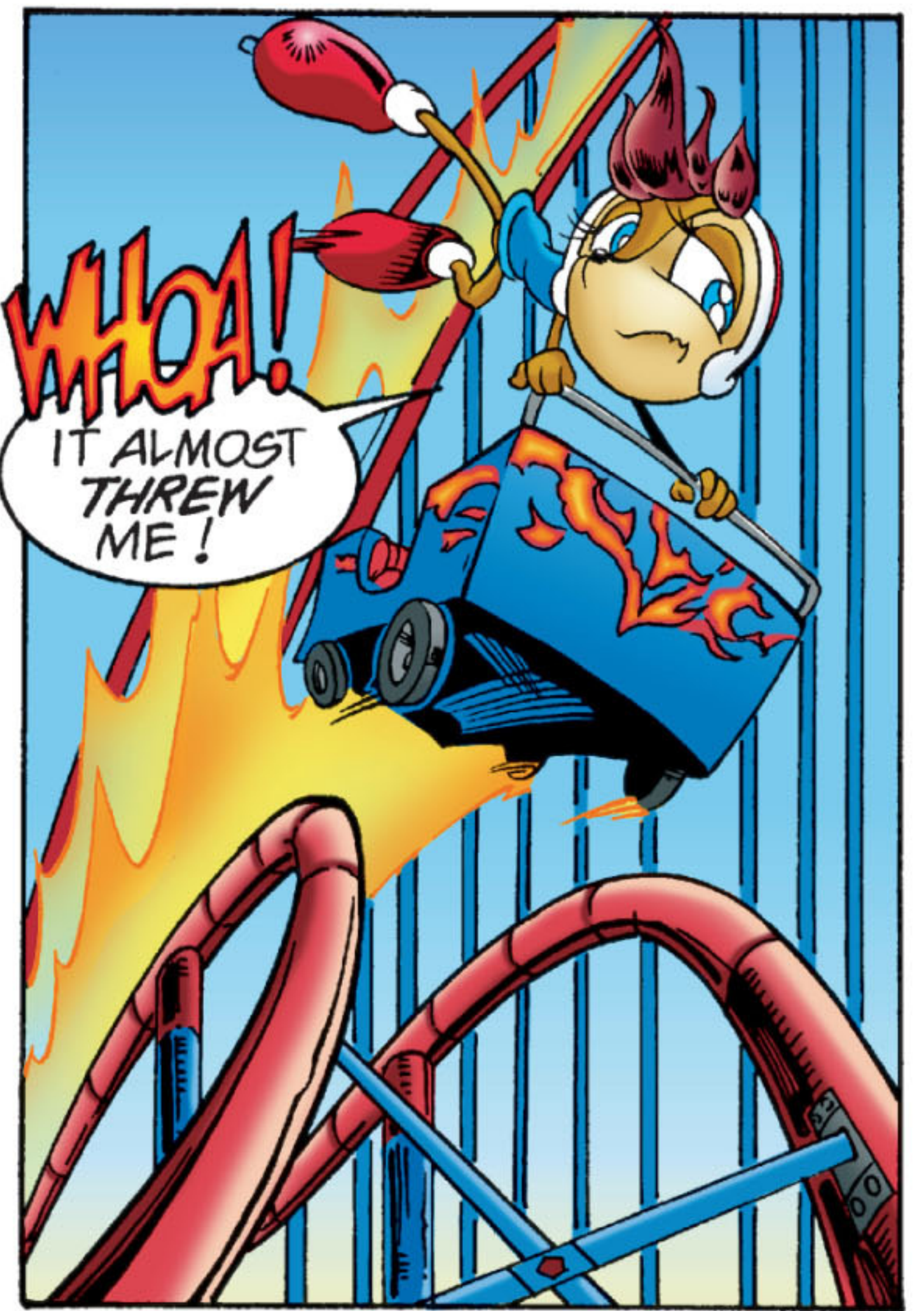


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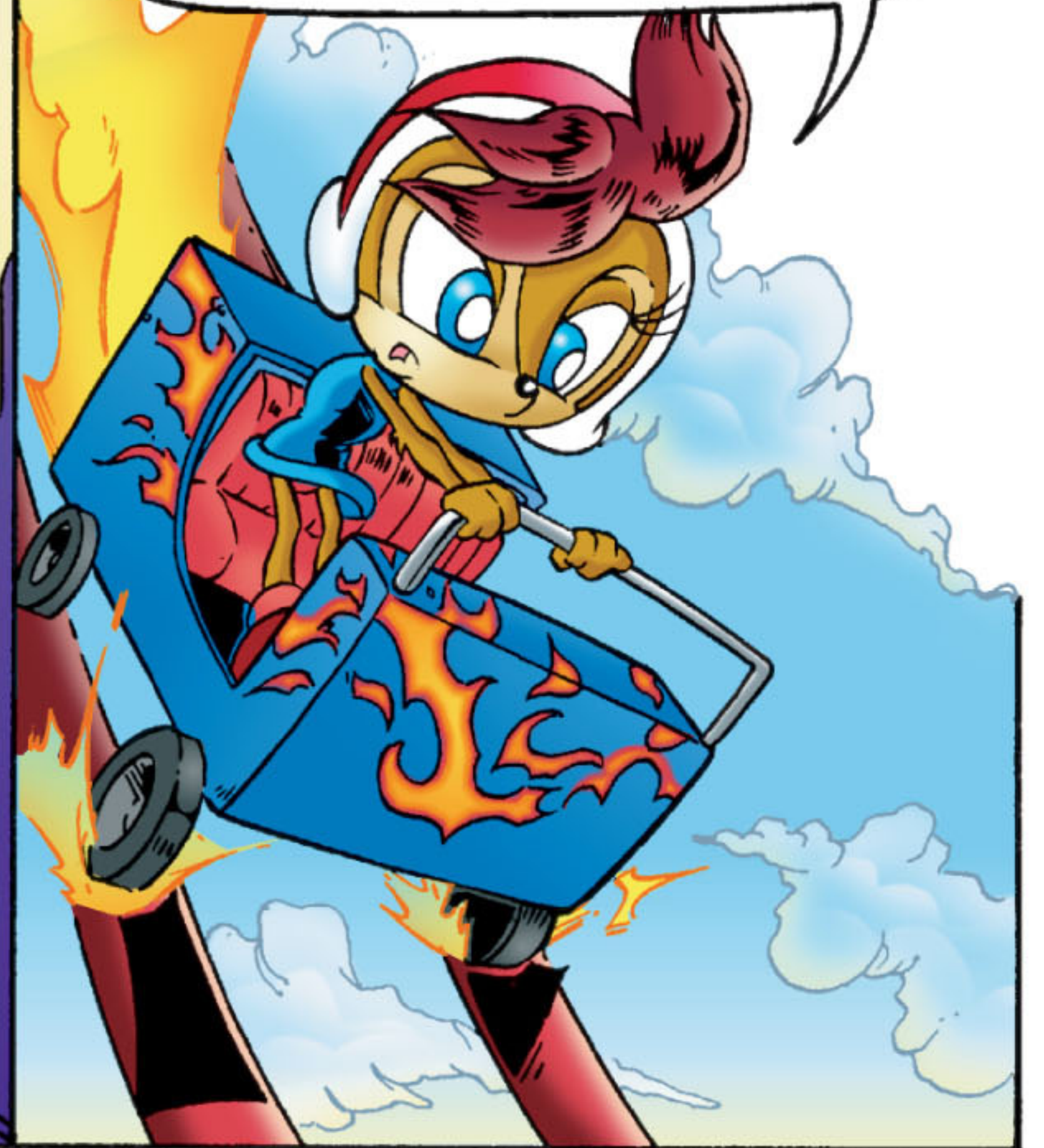








I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN... I MAY BE THE NEW RULER OF MOBILUS A LOT SOONER THAN I EXPECTED! I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MY SITUATION AND FAST!



THERE!
THAT'S
BETTER...
JULAYLA*
TAUGHT ME
THAT A
LEADER
NEEDS TO
MAINTAIN
CONTROL
AT ALL
TIMES!

Hmmm--IS
THAT SOMETHING
ON THE
HORIZON?

IT LOOKS
LIKE ... NO--
IT COULDN'T
BE!

DADDY!
IT IS YOU!

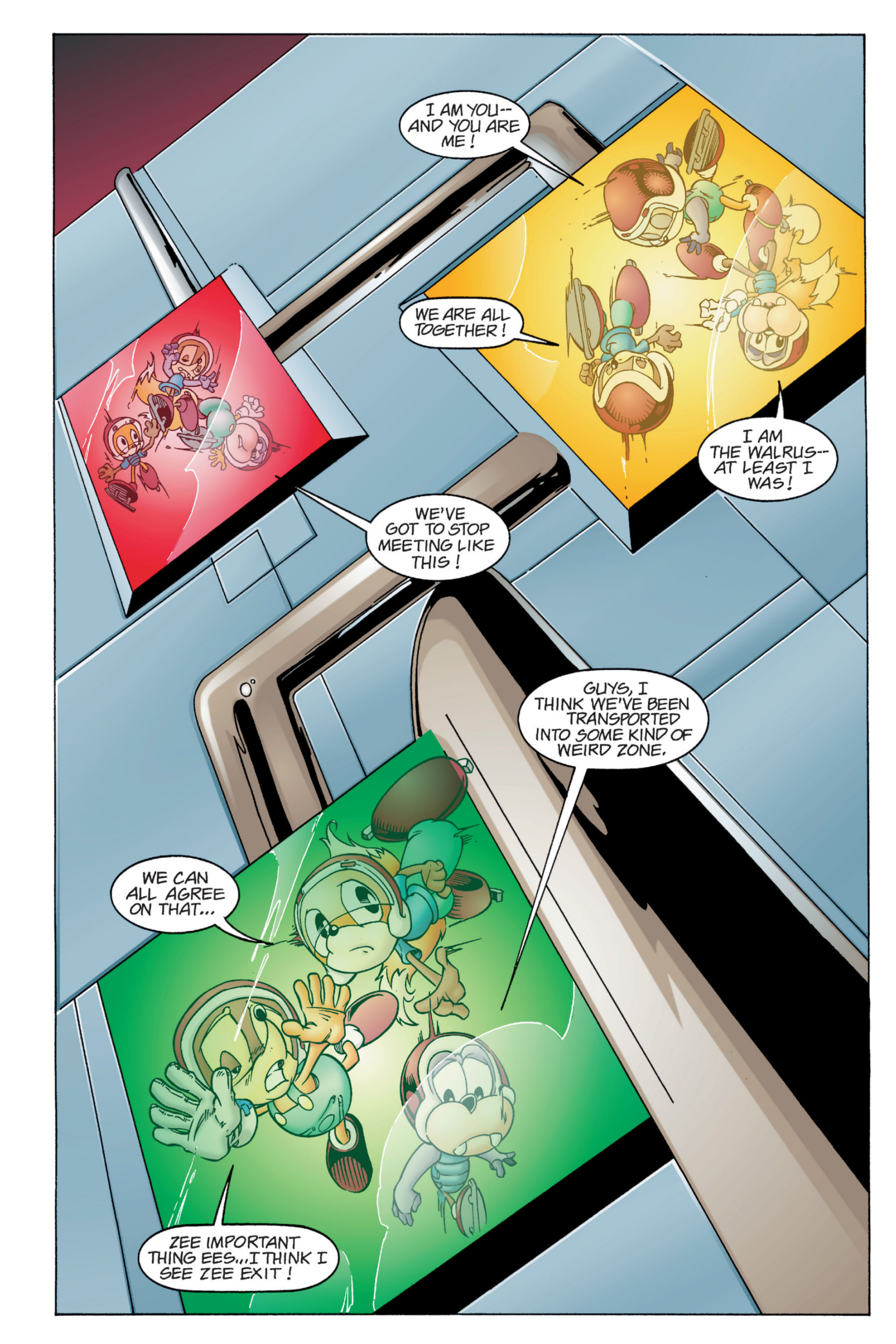
* JULAYLA IS SALLY'S
TUTOR, SEEN ELSEWHERE
IN THIS ISSUE--EDITOR.

DADDY! WHY IS
YOUR FACE MADE OUT
OF GREEN CRYSTAL?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
PLEASE ANSWER
ME!

MY WHOLE WORLD
IS SHATTERED!

BUT IT'S MY
DUTY TO CARRY ON
AND DO MY BEST!

I HOPE
THAT MY FELLOW
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
AND I ARE UP TO THE
CHALLENGE!



I AM YOU--
AND YOU ARE
ME!

WE ARE ALL
TOGETHER!

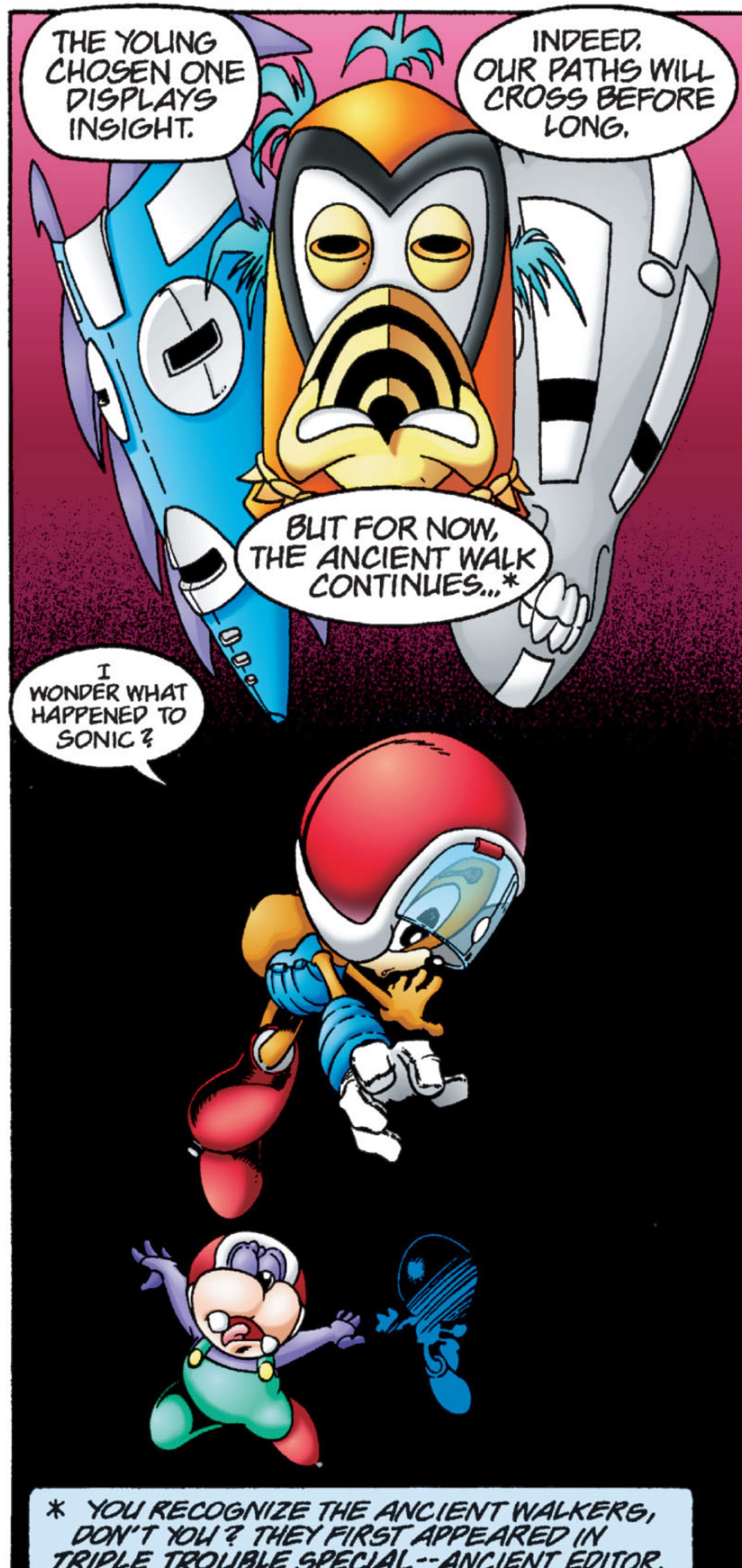
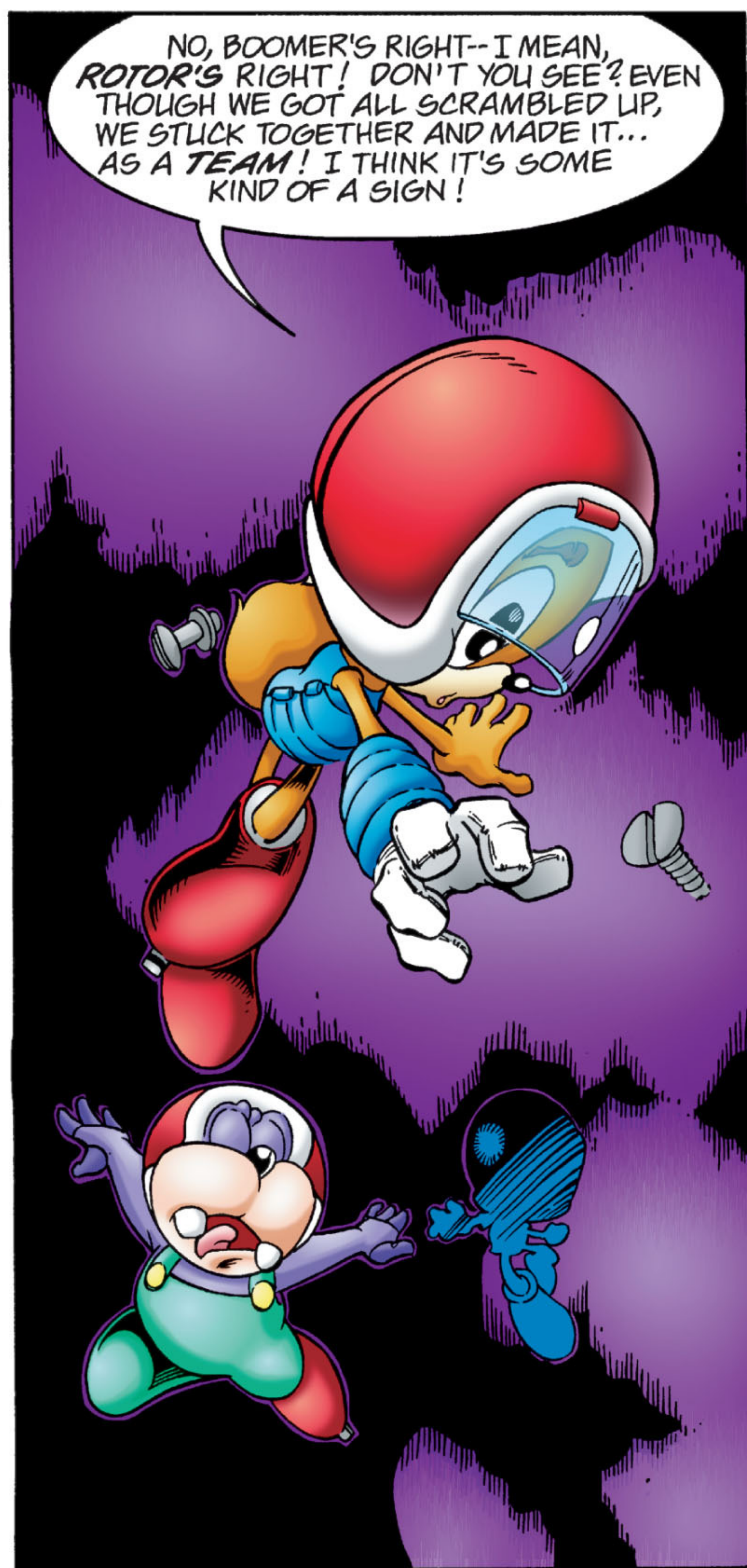
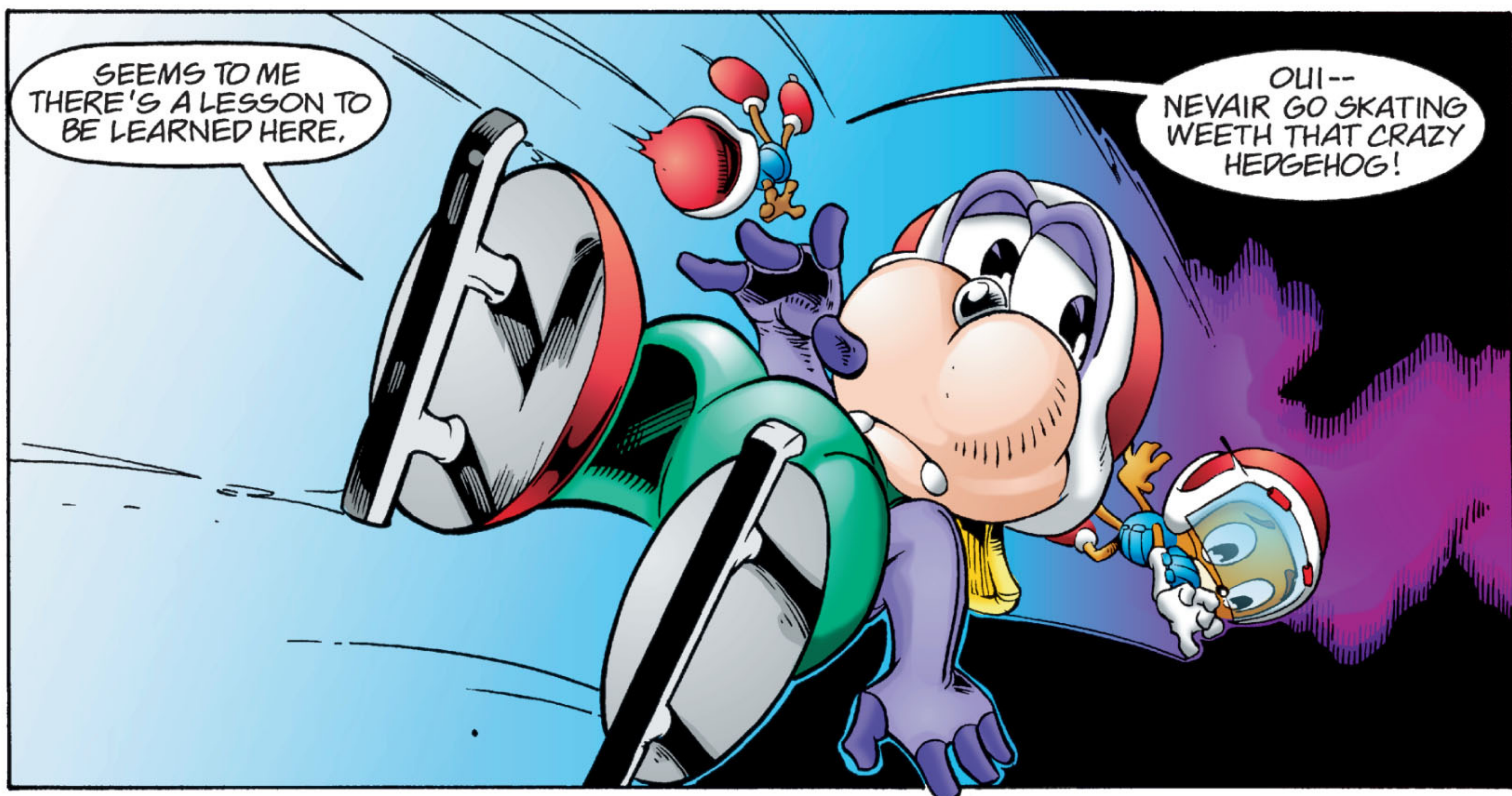
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THE WALRUS--
AT LEAST I
WAS!

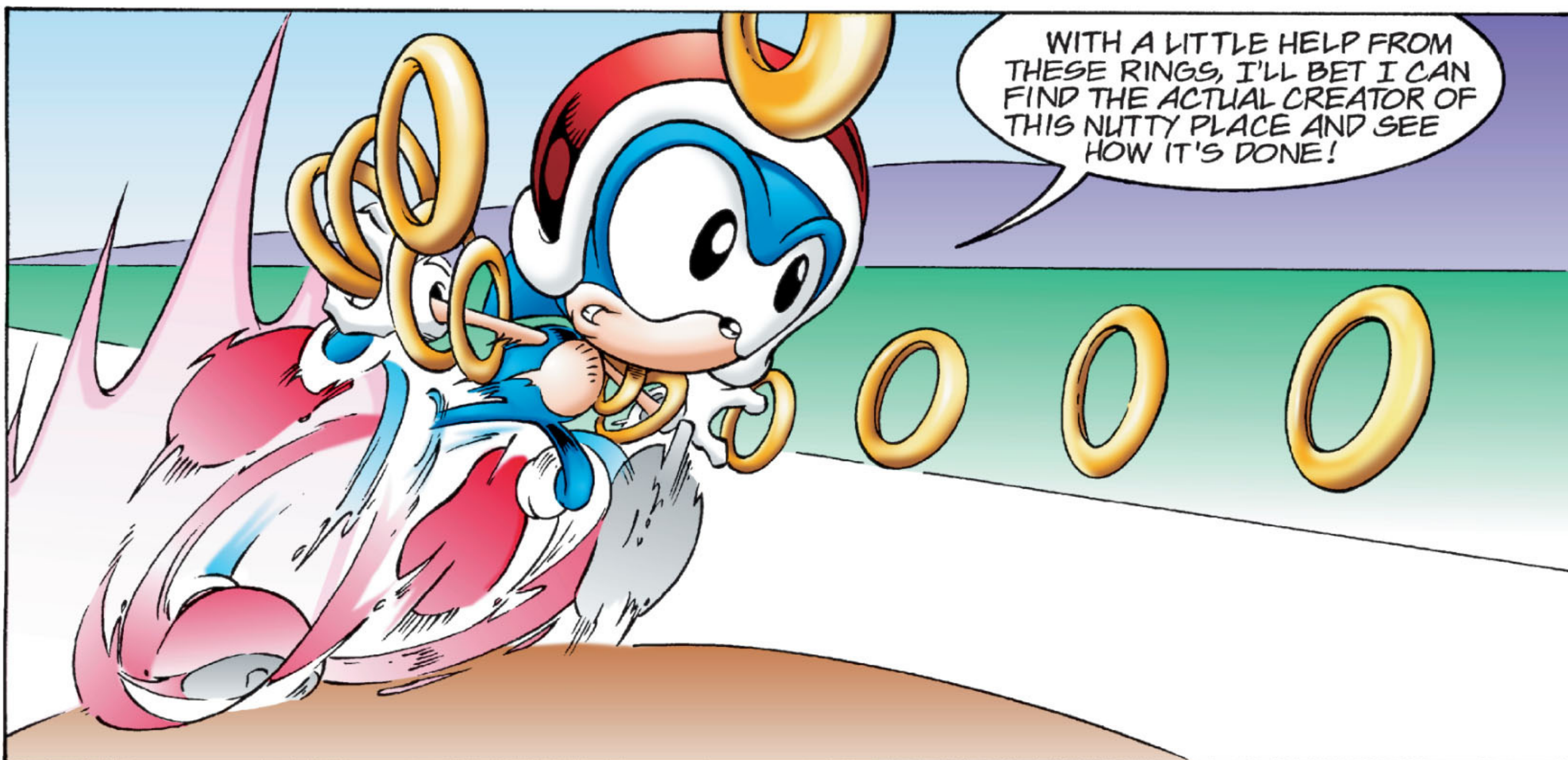
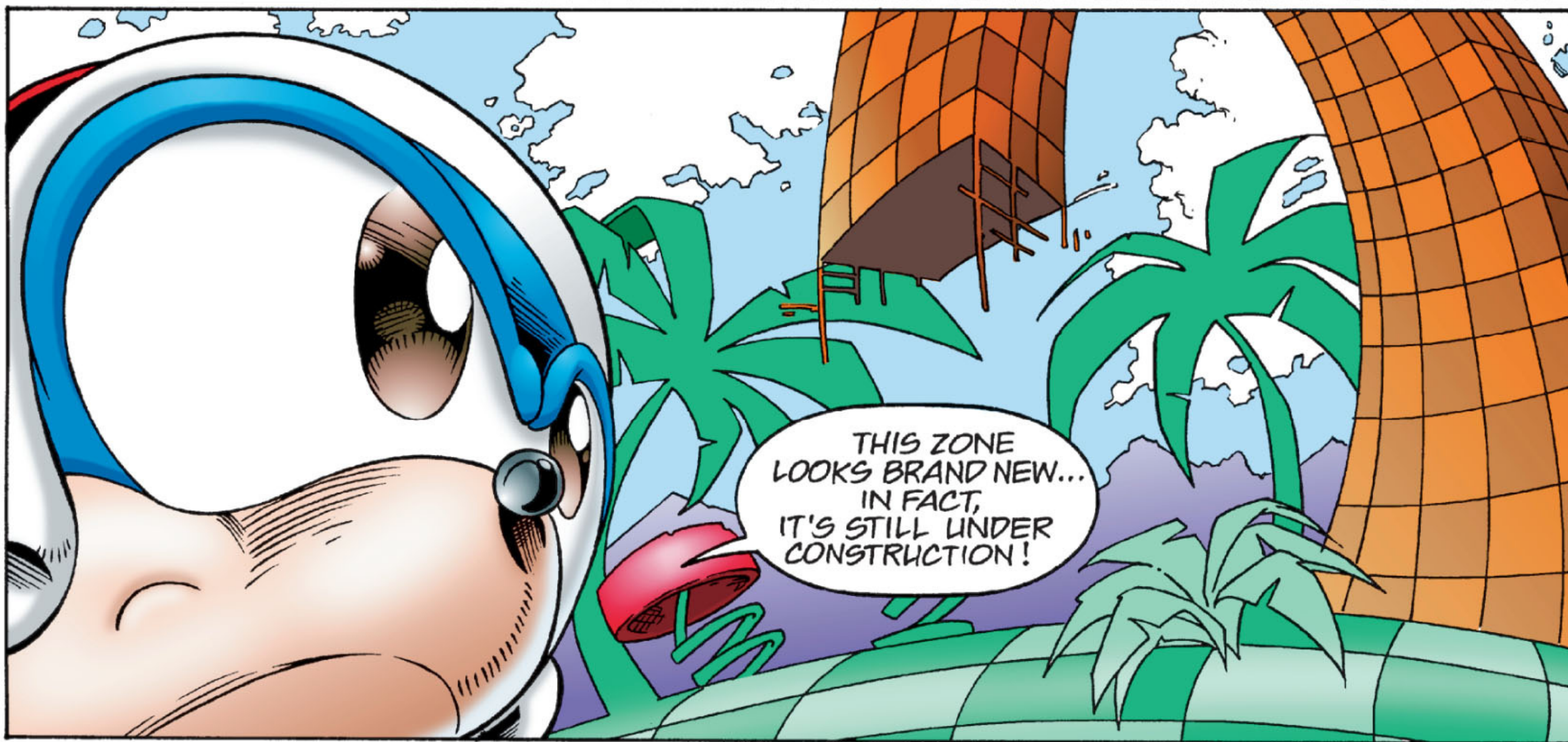
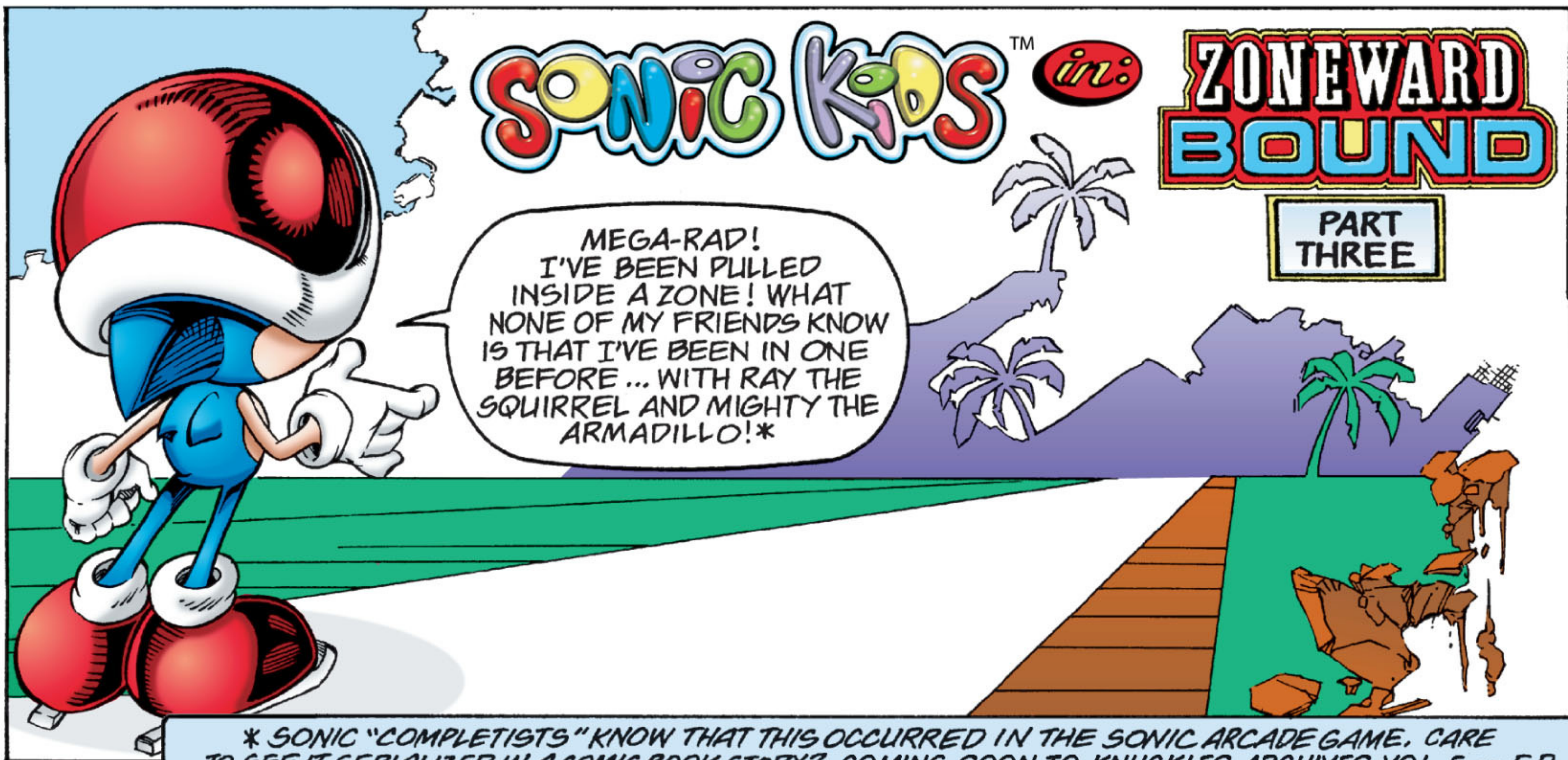
WE'VE
GOT TO STOP
MEETING LIKE
THIS!

GUYS, I
THINK WE'VE BEEN
TRANSPORTED
INTO SOME KIND OF
WEIRD ZONE.

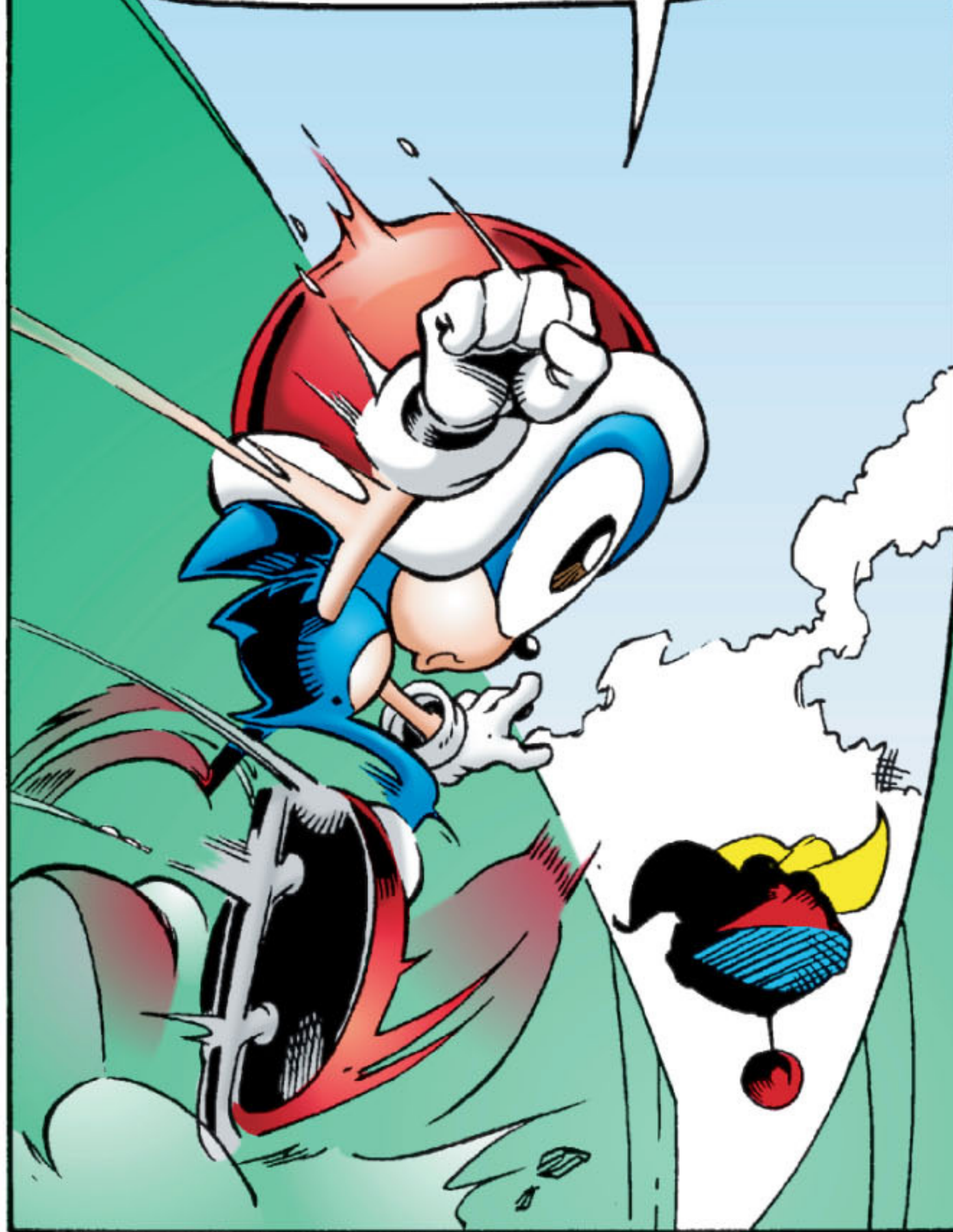
WE CAN
ALL AGREE
ON THAT...

ZEE IMPORTANT
THING EES...I THINK I
SEE ZEE EXIT!



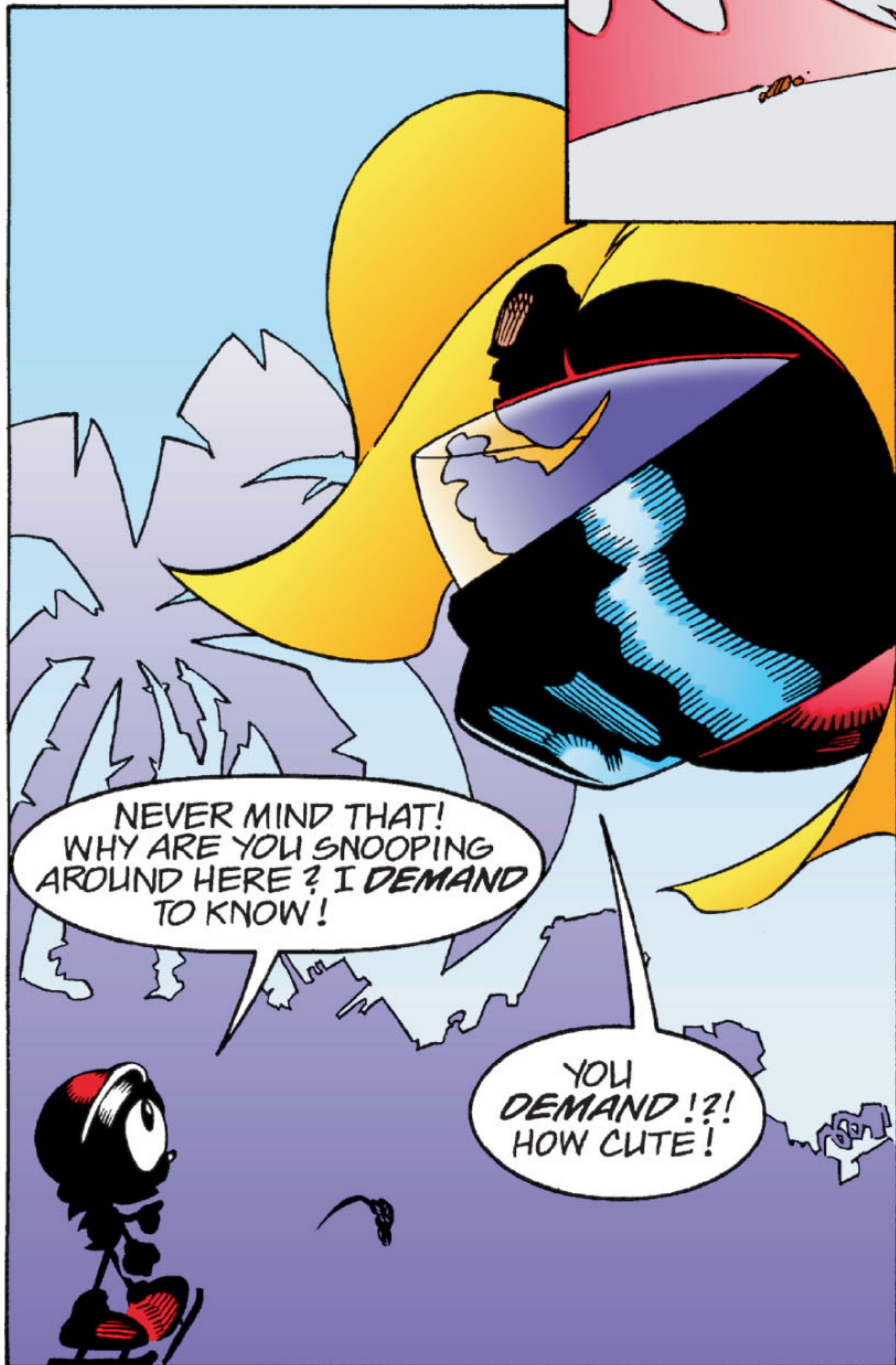


I'M GETTING CLOSE TO THE SOURCE... HEY! MAYBE THAT'S IT AT THE END OF THE HALL. I'LL SPEED UP AND SEE...



HEY-- I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE KING ACORN'S OLD WARLORD... JULIAN!

PLEASE--CALL ME *ROBOTNIK*! HOW DID YOU GET IN THE ZONE, LITTLE HEDGEHOG?

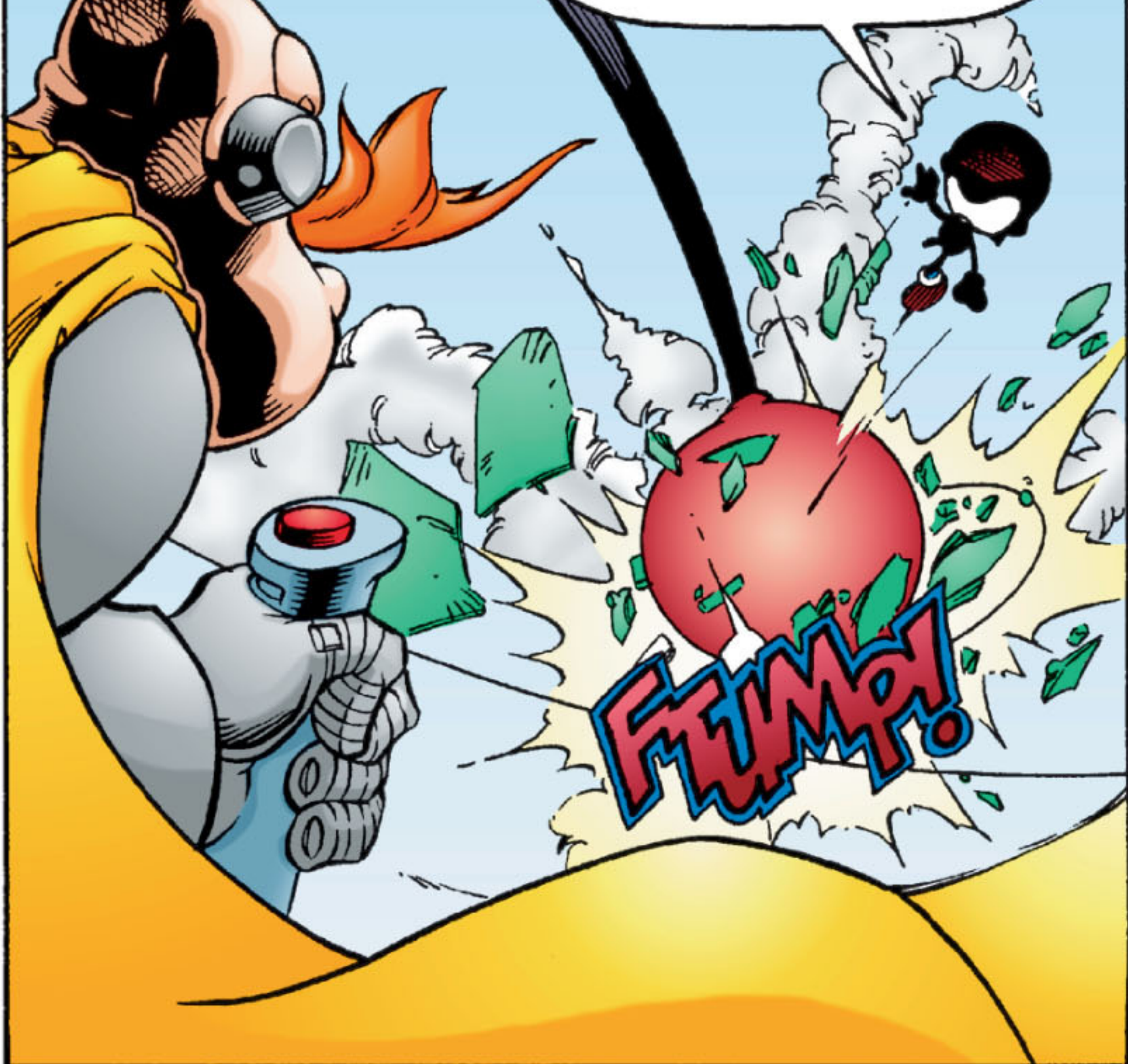


NEVER MIND THAT! WHY ARE YOU SNOOPING AROUND HERE? I *DEMAND* TO KNOW!

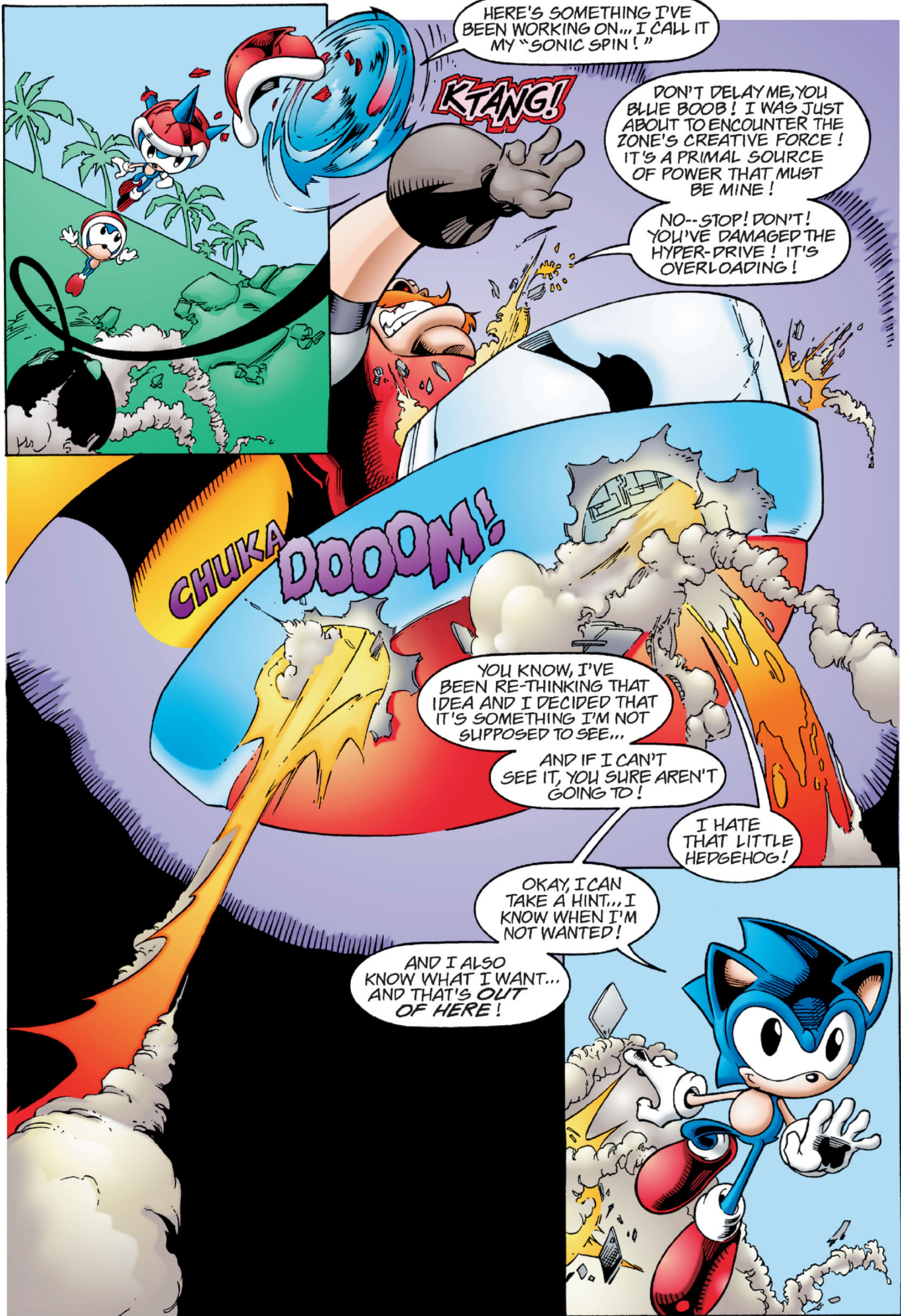
YOU *DEMAND*!?! HOW CUTE!

A PITY YOU WON'T BE ALIVE TO-- *HEY!* WHERE DID HE GO?

YOU'LL HAVE TO BE FASTER THAN THAT, CHUBBSY-UBBSY!



FUMPH!



HERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON... I CALL IT MY "SONIC SPIN!"

KTANG!

DON'T DELAY ME, YOU BLUE BOOB! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER THE ZONE'S CREATIVE FORCE! IT'S A PRIMAL SOURCE OF POWER THAT MUST BE MINE!

NO--STOP! DON'T! YOU'VE DAMAGED THE HYPER-DRIVE! IT'S OVERLOADING!

CHUKA DOOOM!

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN RE-THINKING THAT IDEA AND I DECIDED THAT IT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE...

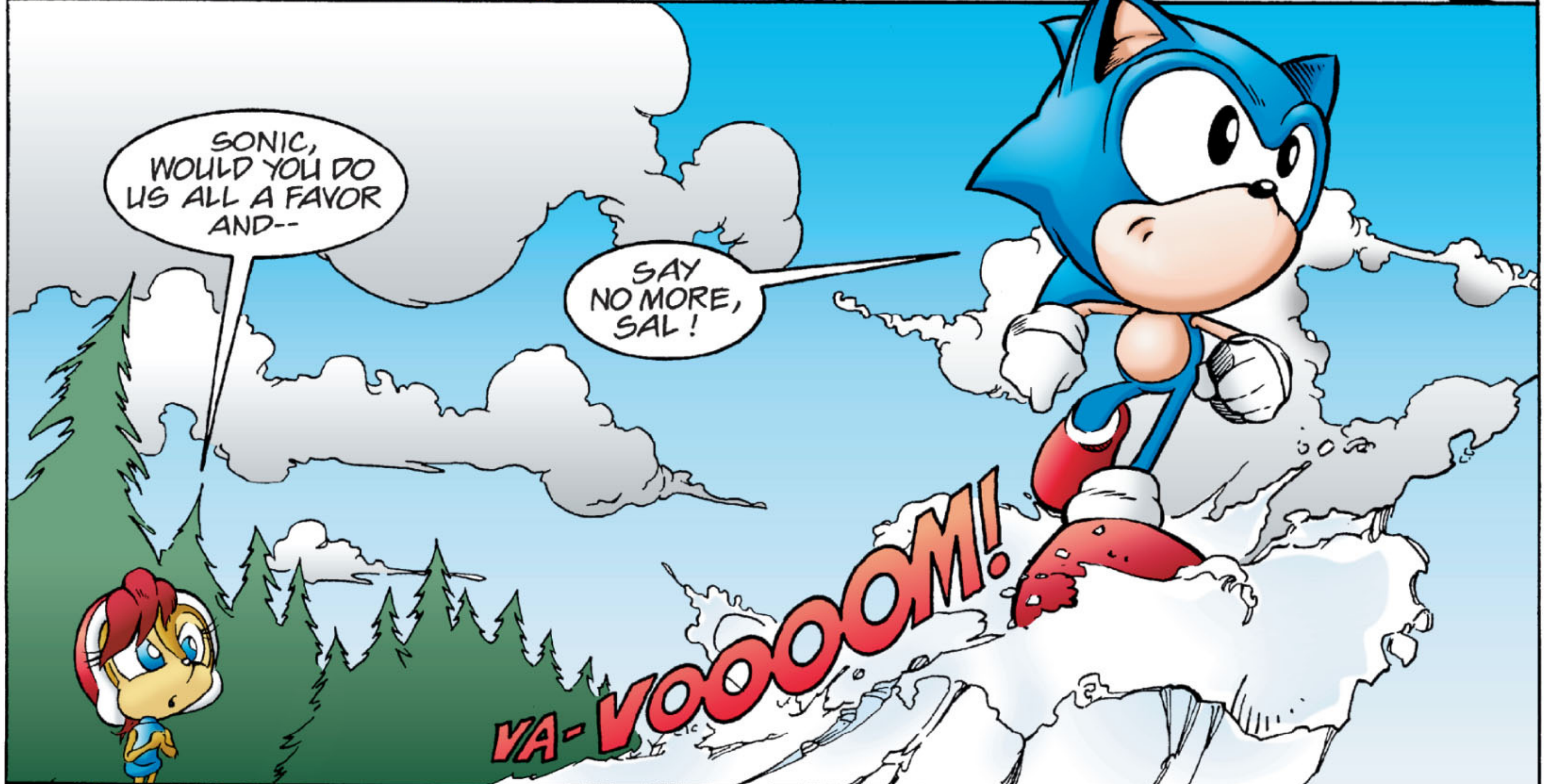
AND IF I CAN'T SEE IT, YOU SURE AREN'T GOING TO!

I HATE THAT LITTLE HEDGEHOG!

OKAY, I CAN TAKE A HINT... I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!

AND I ALSO KNOW WHAT I WANT... AND THAT'S OUT OF HERE!







PRINCESS Sally™ *in:* My Secret Guardian

OH, DEAR... DID YOU REMEMBER TO PACK HER VITAMINS, ROSIE?

I DID, JULAYLA... THEY'RE IN ONE OF THE HALF DOZEN SUITCASES OF HER CLOTHES!

GOOD HEAVENS, LADIES! WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE A FEW DAYS!

HURRY UP, DADDY! LET'S GO NOW! I CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR TRIP TO START!

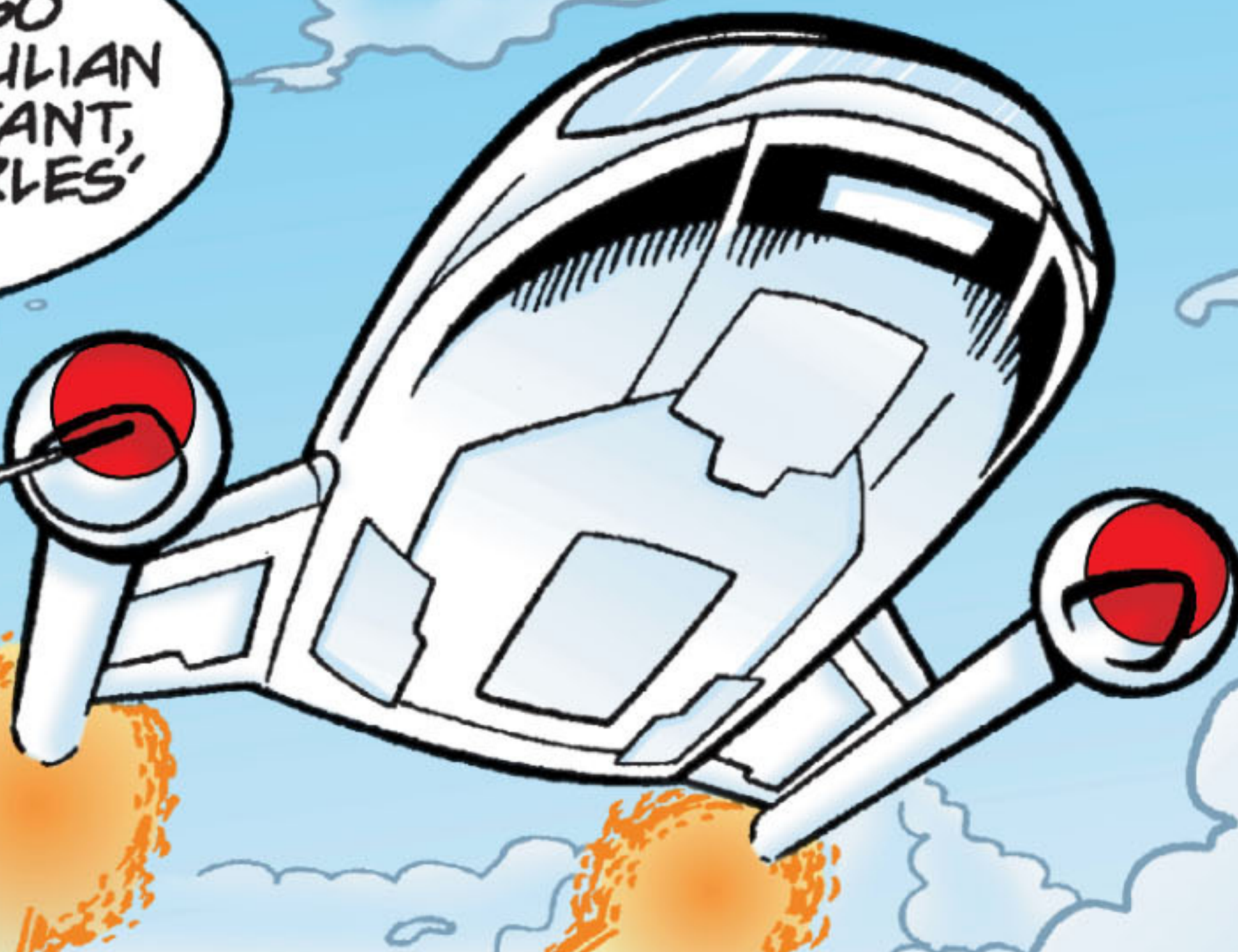
I'M SO EXCITED! WE NEVER GET TO BE ALONE TOGETHER!

I KNOW, SWEET-HEART. BEING KING TAKES MOST OF MY TIME...BUT BEING KING ALSO MEANS YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF A VACATION WHENEVER YOU WANT!

SOME TIME LATER...

Ahhh--I NEEDED TO GET AWAY, IT'S BEEN SO BUSY LATELY... WARLORD JULIAN AND HIS ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT, SNIVELY... ALSO, SIR CHARLES' INVENTIONS--

THAT'S MY FRIEND SONIC'S UNCLE!



BUT ENOUGH SHOP TALK! LET'S DISCUSS OUR VACATION.

YES! WHERE ARE WE GOING?

A SECRET PLACE KNOWN ONLY TO KINGS... AND PERHAPS, FUTURE QUEENS!

THAT'S IF ELIAS AND ALICIA MET WITH-- NO! I CAN'T EVEN THINK IT!

FOR NOW, AT LEAST, SALLY MUSTN'T LEARN THE TRUE REASON FOR THIS TRIP! SHE'S BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH.

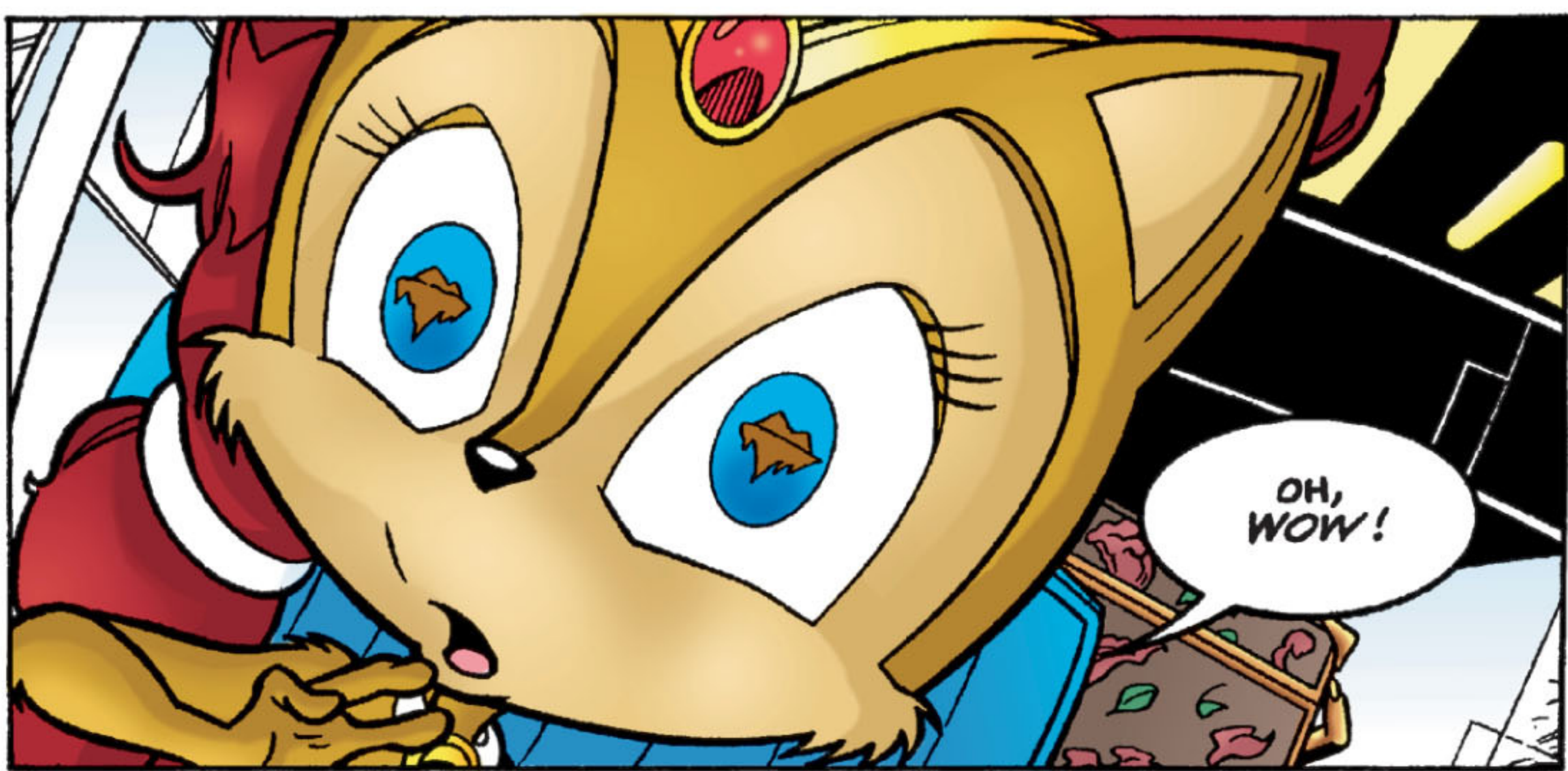


EVEN THE COLONEL AND MRS. SOMMERSBY CAN'T KNOW WE'RE COMING!

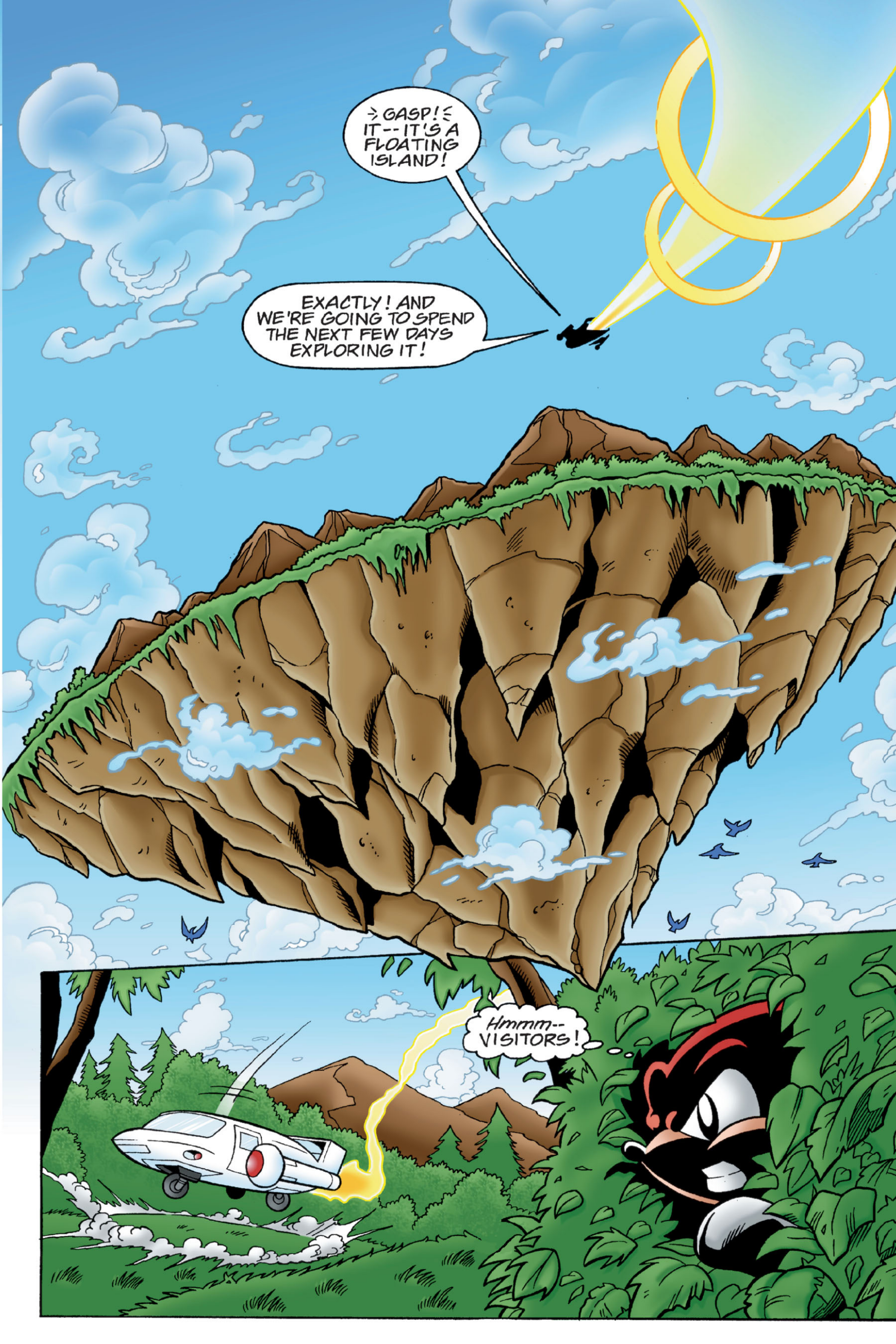
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING WHO I NEED TO SEE!



AND LO AND BEHOLD-- THERE IT IS--DEAD AHEAD!



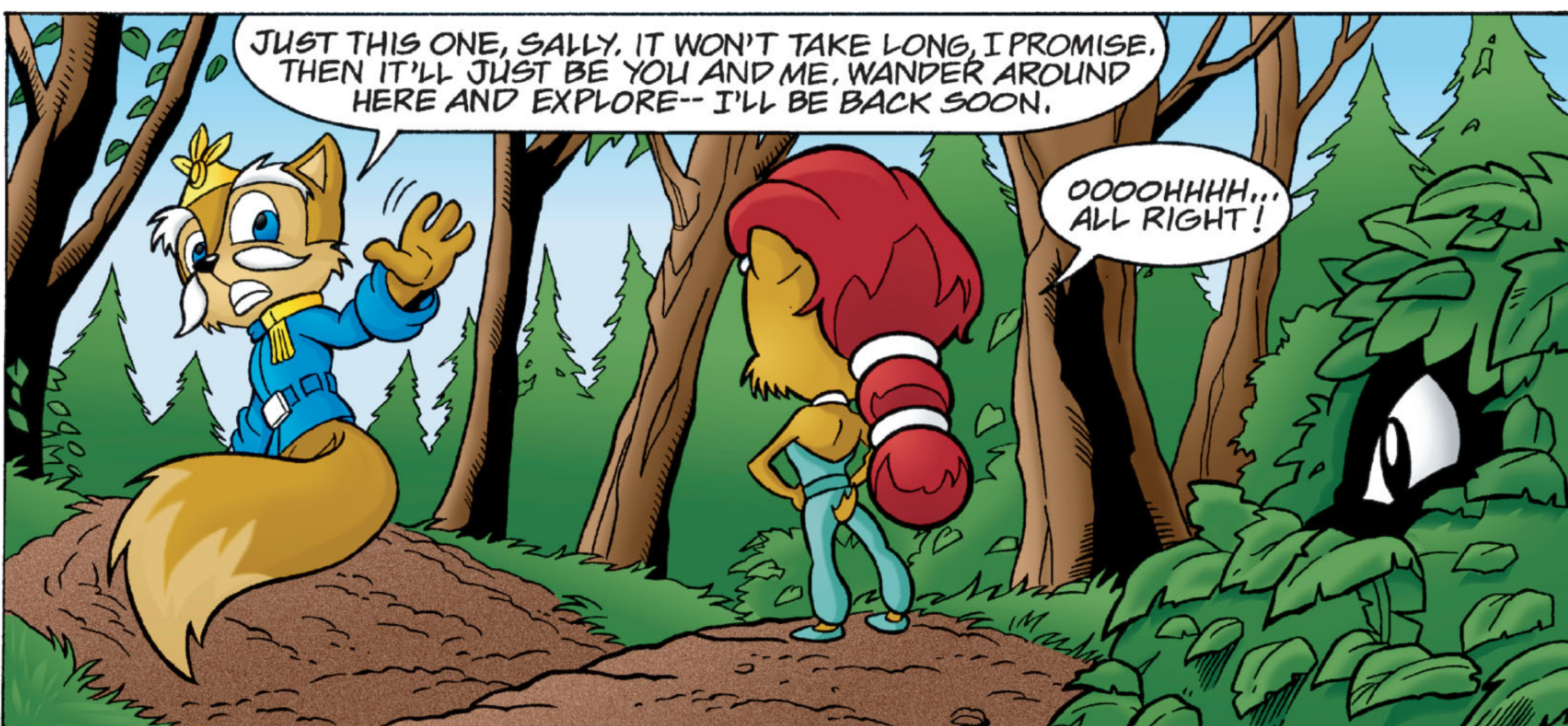
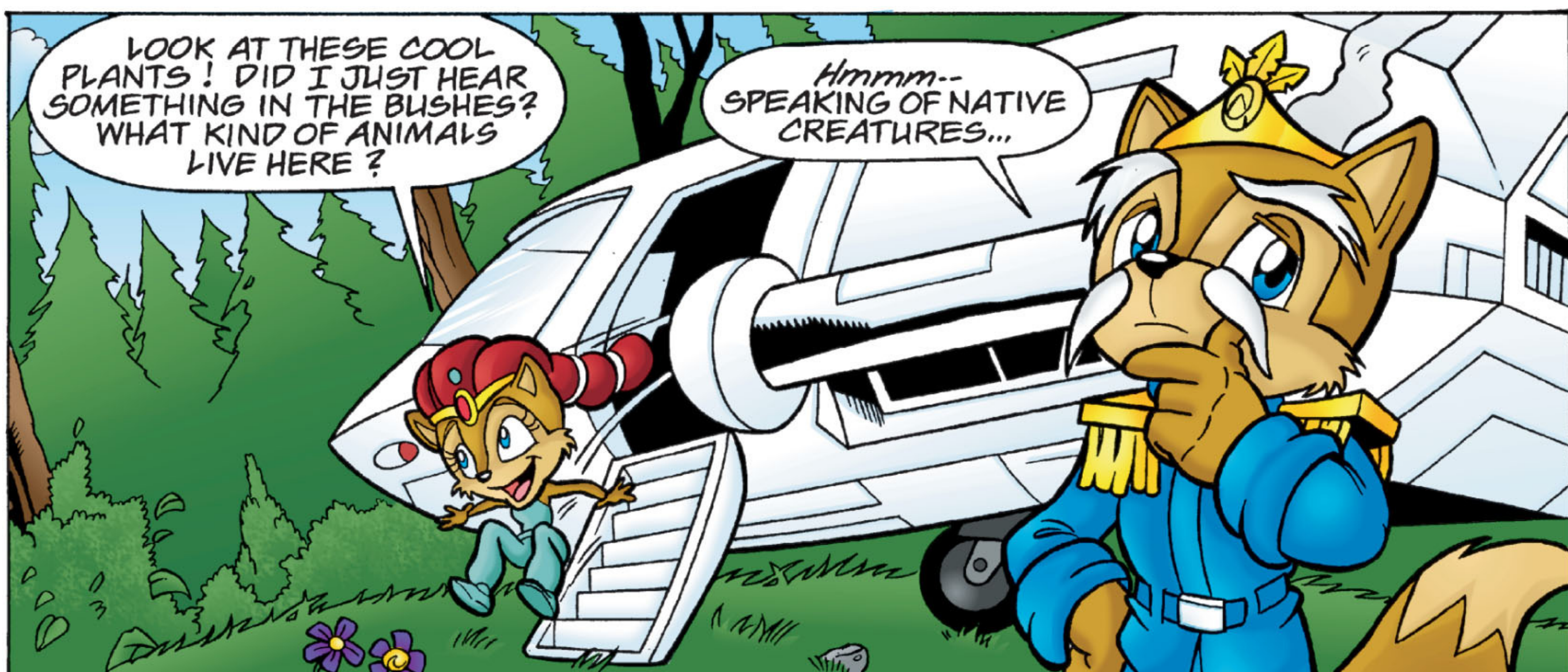
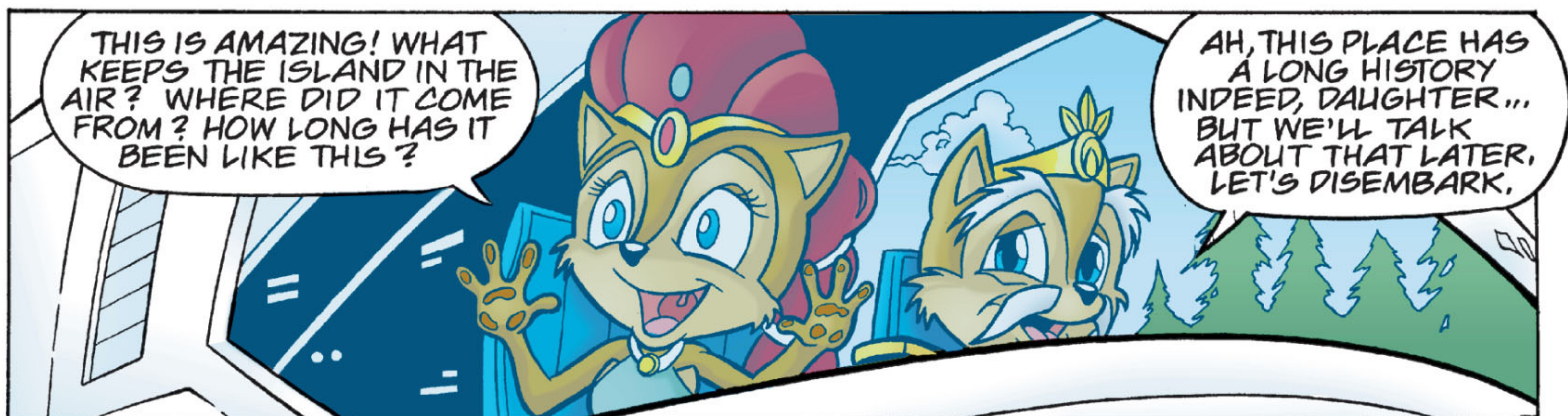
OH, WOW!



➤ GASP! ⚡
IT--IT'S A
FLOATING
ISLAND!

EXACTLY! AND
WE'RE GOING TO SPEND
THE NEXT FEW DAYS
EXPLORING IT!

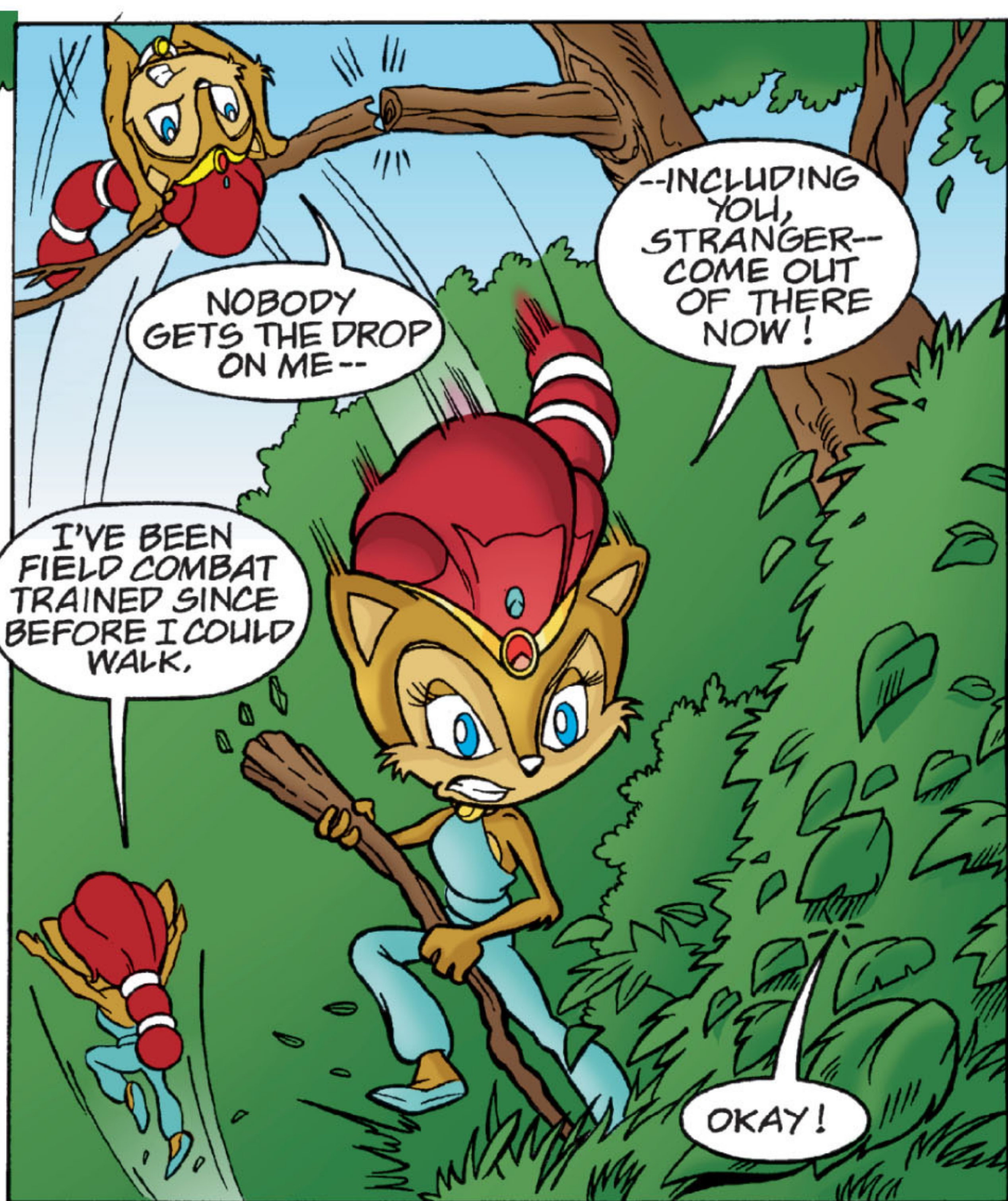
Hmmm--
VISITORS!





HARUMPH! WHEN I'M IN CHARGE OF MOBILUS, I WON'T LET MY ROYAL DUTIES INTERFERE WITH HAVING FUN!

I ALSO WON'T LET SOMEONE-- OR SOMETHING SNEAK UP ON ME IN THE BUSHES...

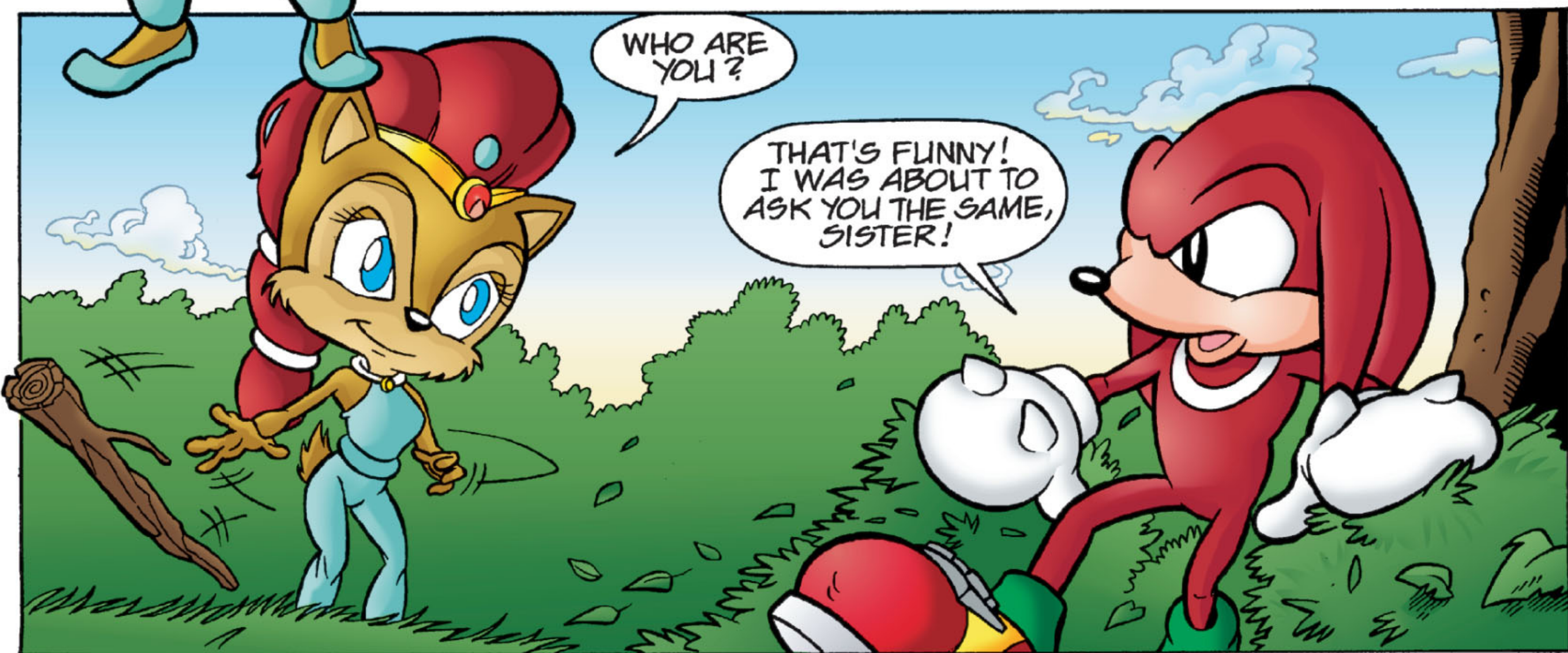


NOBODY GETS THE DROP ON ME--

I'VE BEEN FIELD COMBAT TRAINED SINCE BEFORE I COULD WALK,

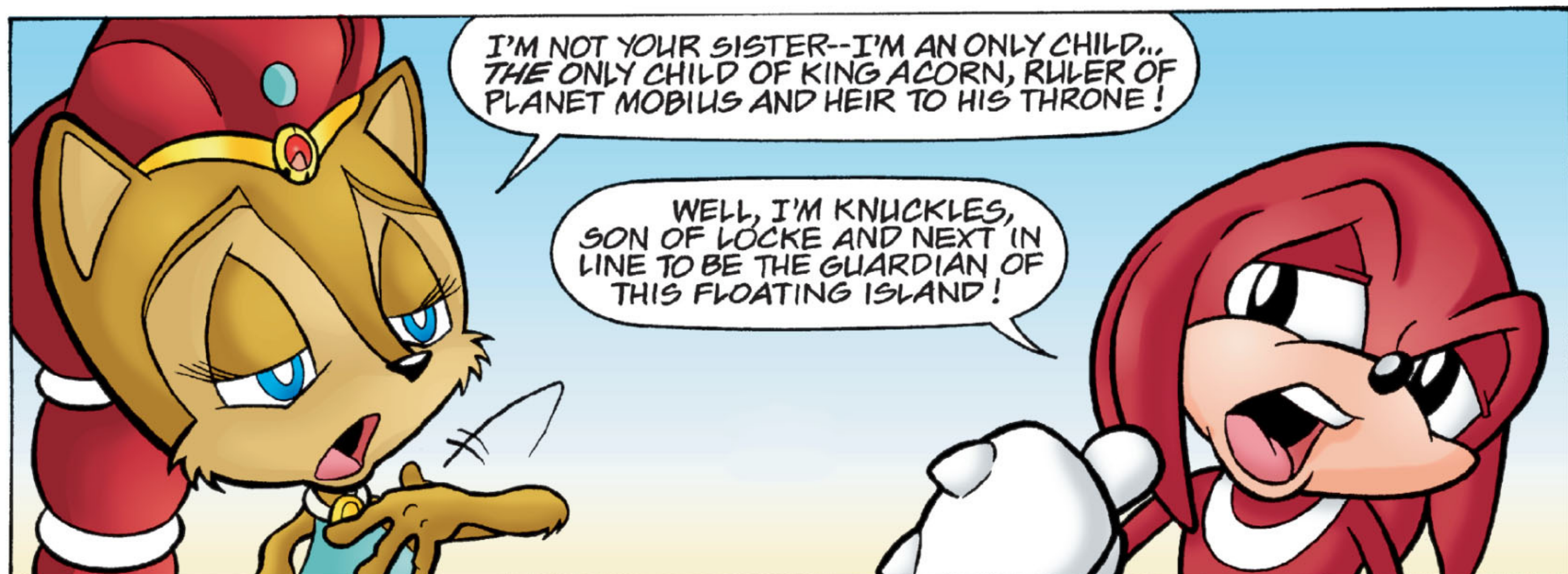
--INCLUDING YOU, STRANGER-- COME OUT OF THERE NOW!

OKAY!



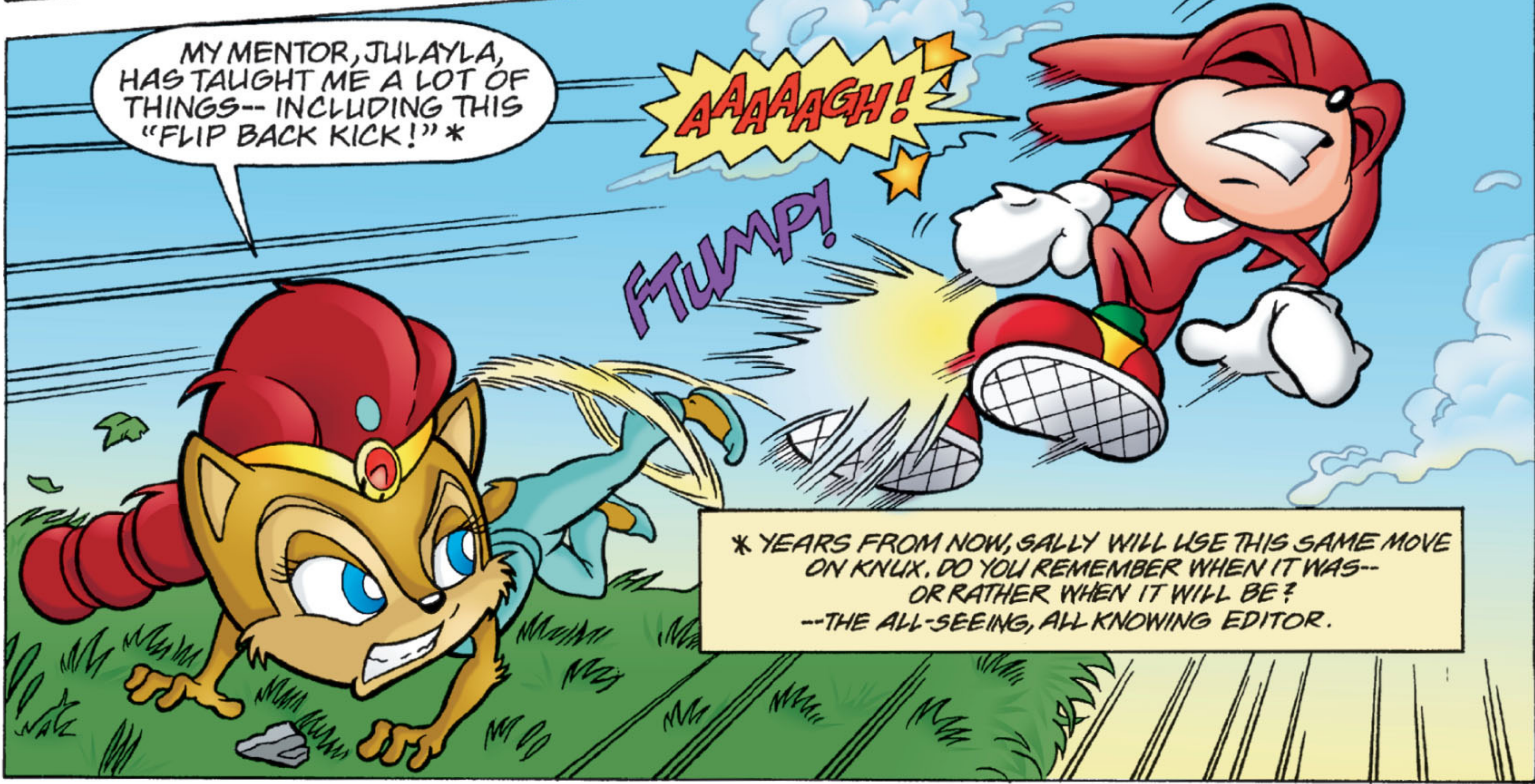
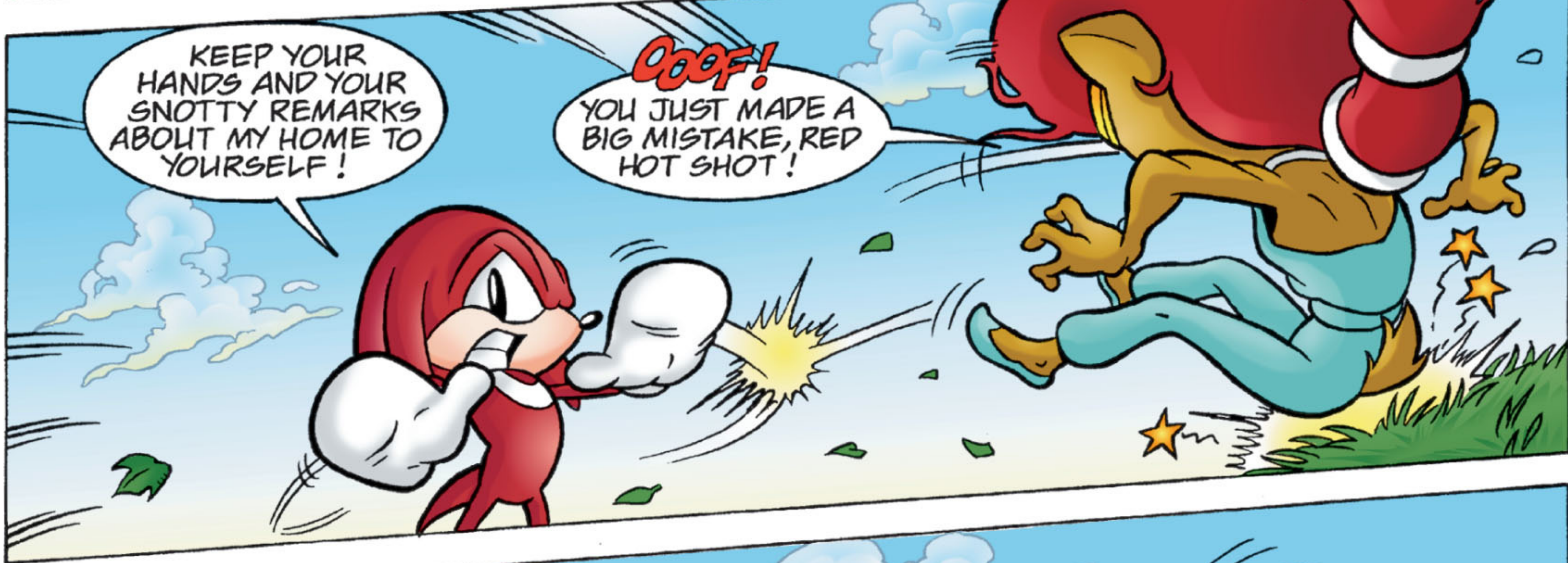
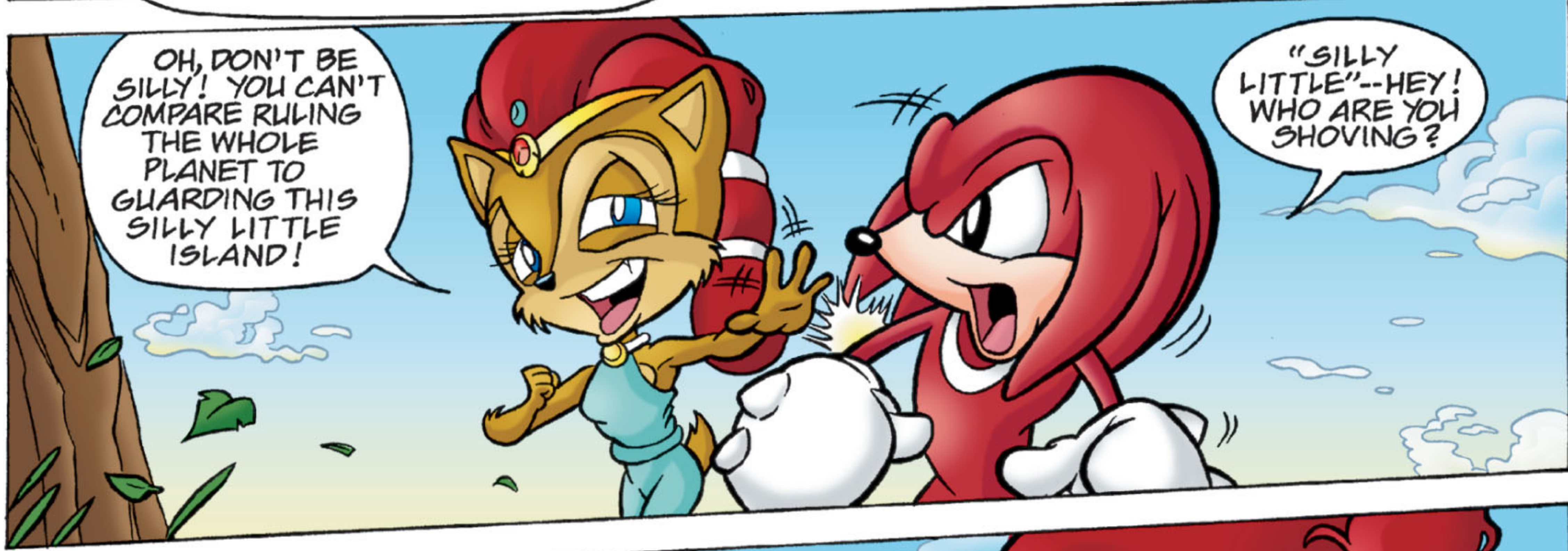
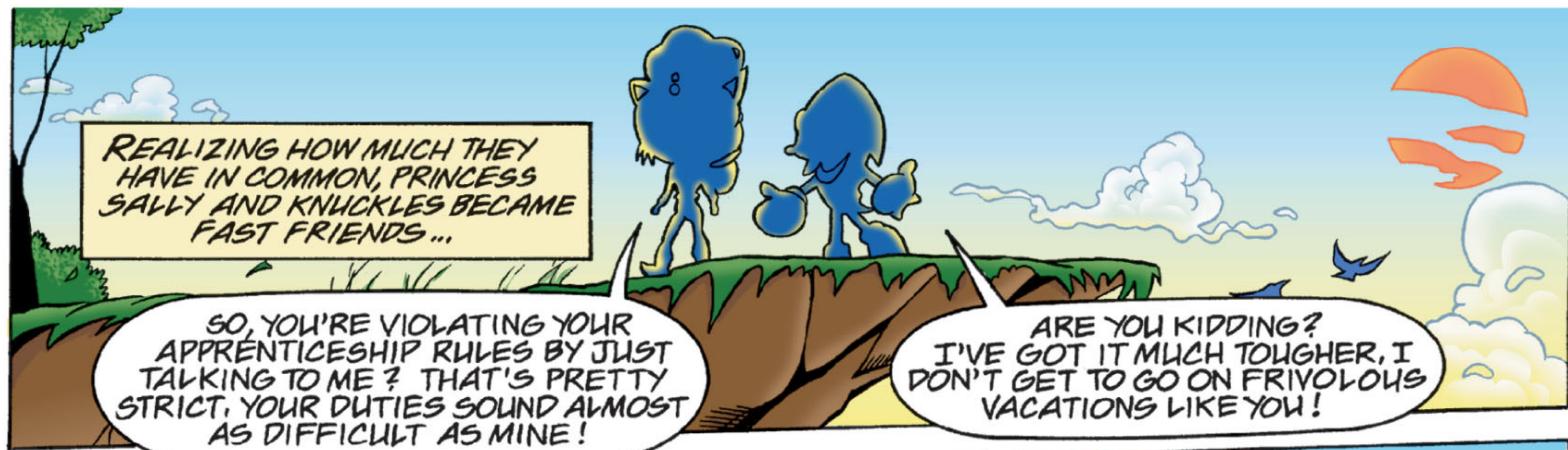
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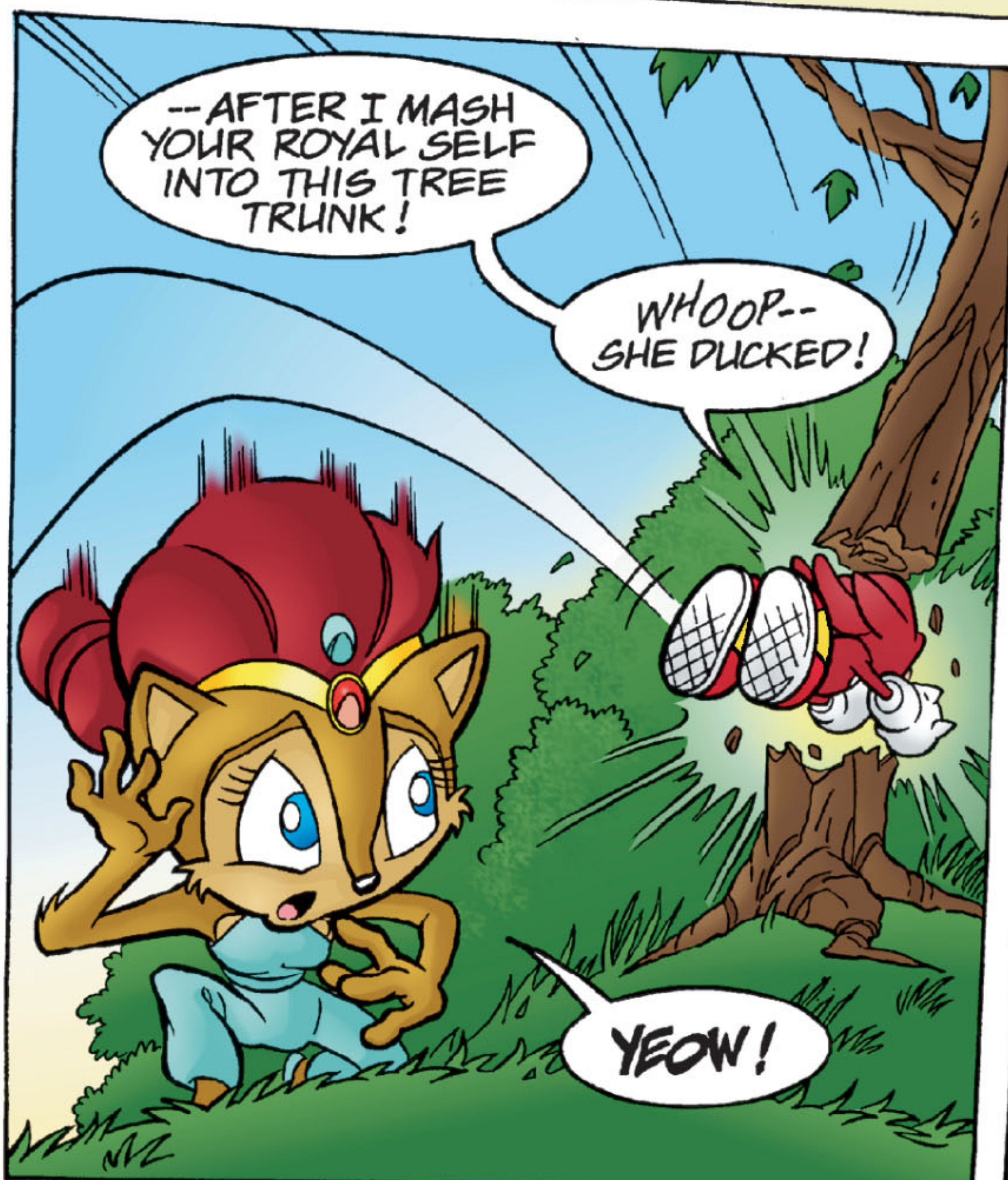
THAT'S FUNNY! I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME, SISTER!

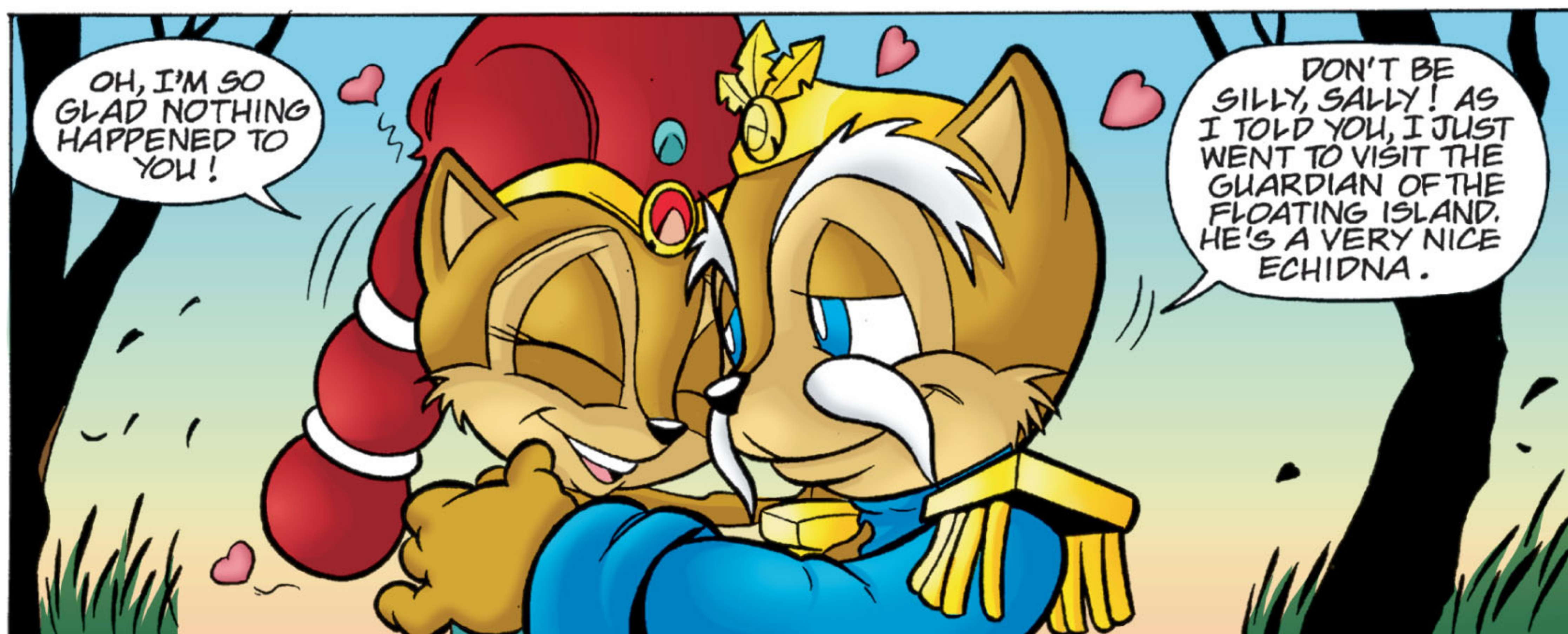
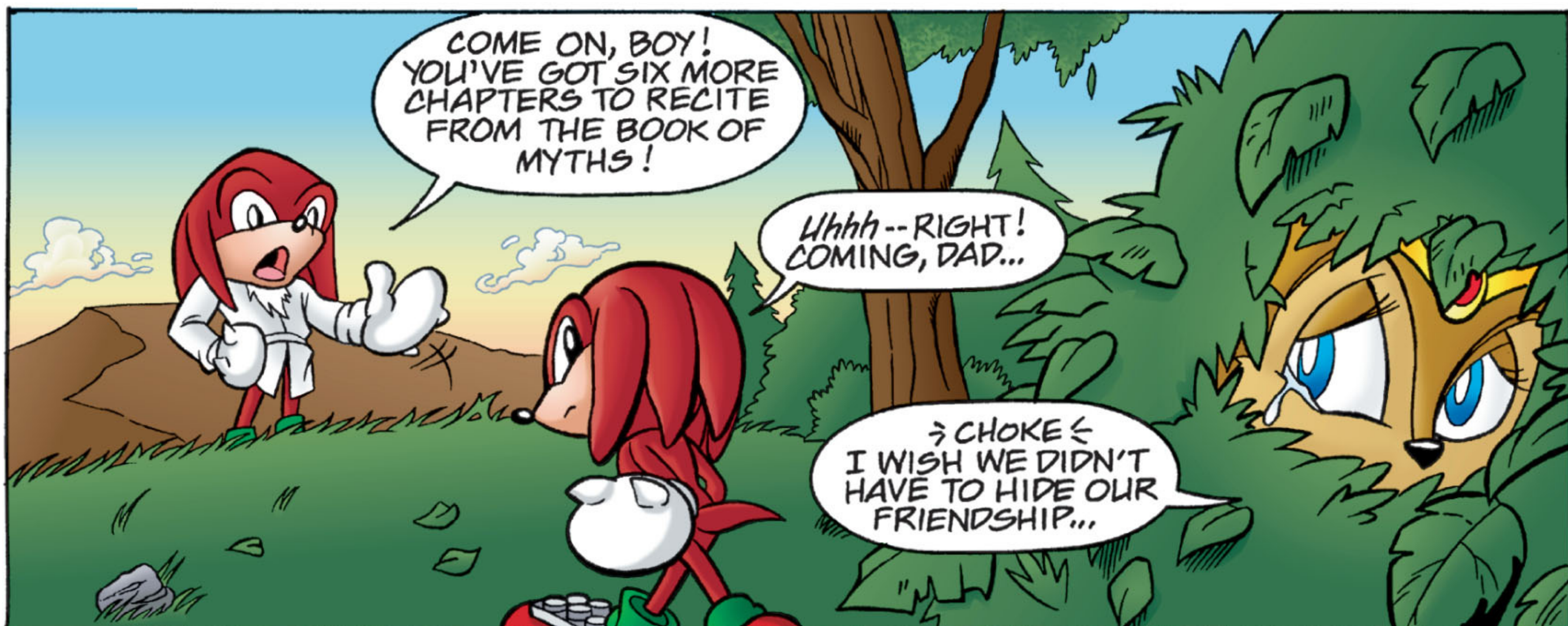


I'M NOT YOUR SISTER--I'M AN ONLY CHILD... THE ONLY CHILD OF KING ACORN, RULER OF PLANET MOBILUS AND HEIR TO HIS THRONE!

WELL, I'M KNUCKLES, SON OF LOCKE AND NEXT IN LINE TO BE THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FLOATING ISLAND!







IN FACT, LOCKE MENTIONED THAT HE HAS A SON ABOUT YOUR AGE. I ASKED ABOUT HIM, BUT THE BOY WASN'T AVAILABLE.

OH, THAT'S OKAY, DADDY... I HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS BACK HOME... SONIC, BOOMER, ANTOINE...

I'M JUST GLAD TO BE SPENDING TIME WITH YOU! C'MON--LET'S GO EXPLORING!

AWW-- WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY...

SO LONG FOR NOW, PRINCESS SALLY... I HAVE A FUNNY FEELING THAT OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN SOME DAY!

THE END...
and in many ways--
THE BEGINNING!!

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eve of destruction

GOT YOU NOW, SONIC--

MISSED ME BY A COUNTRY AND WESTERN MILE, BOOMER!

LOOK OUT, ANTOINE!

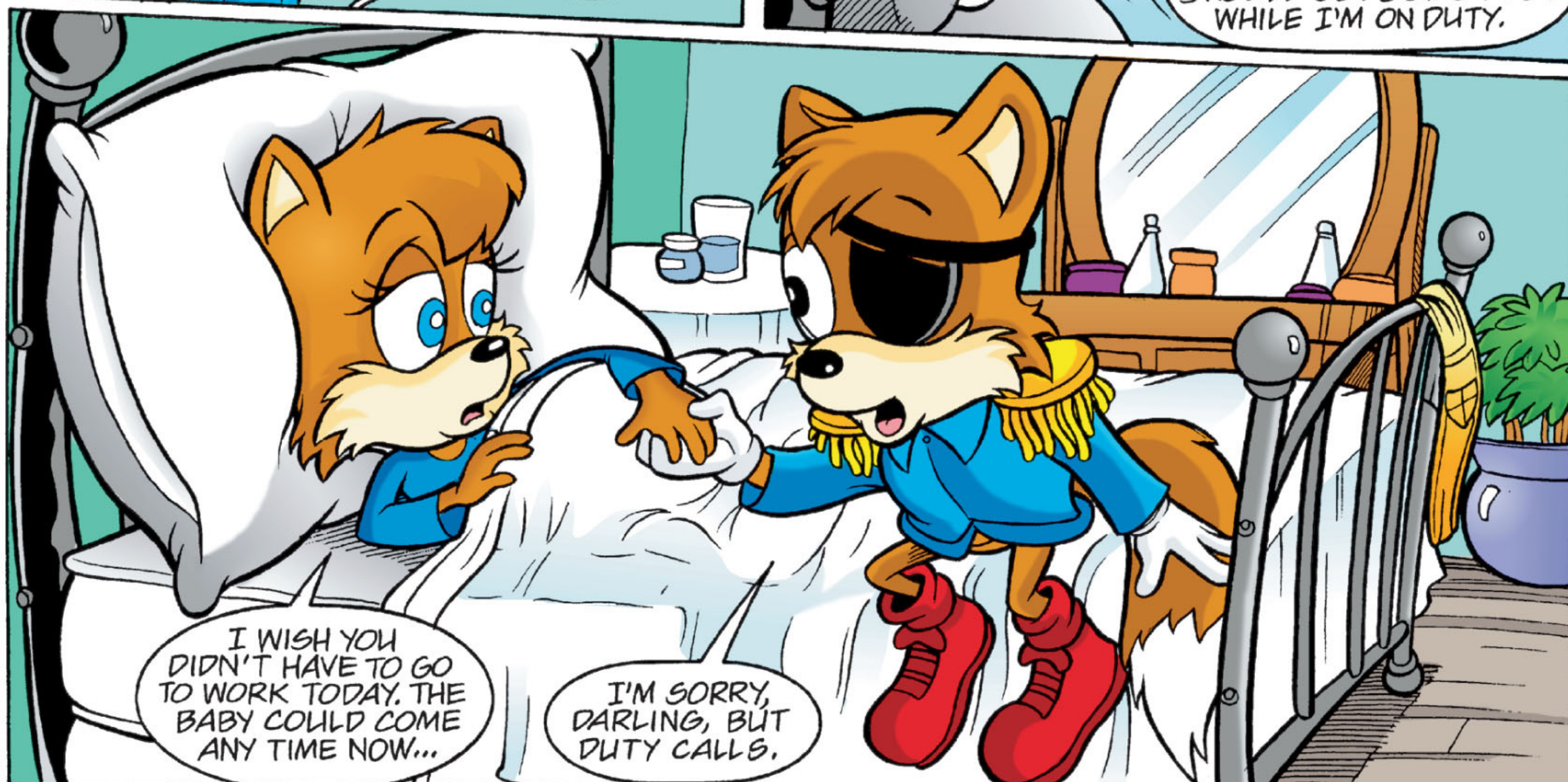
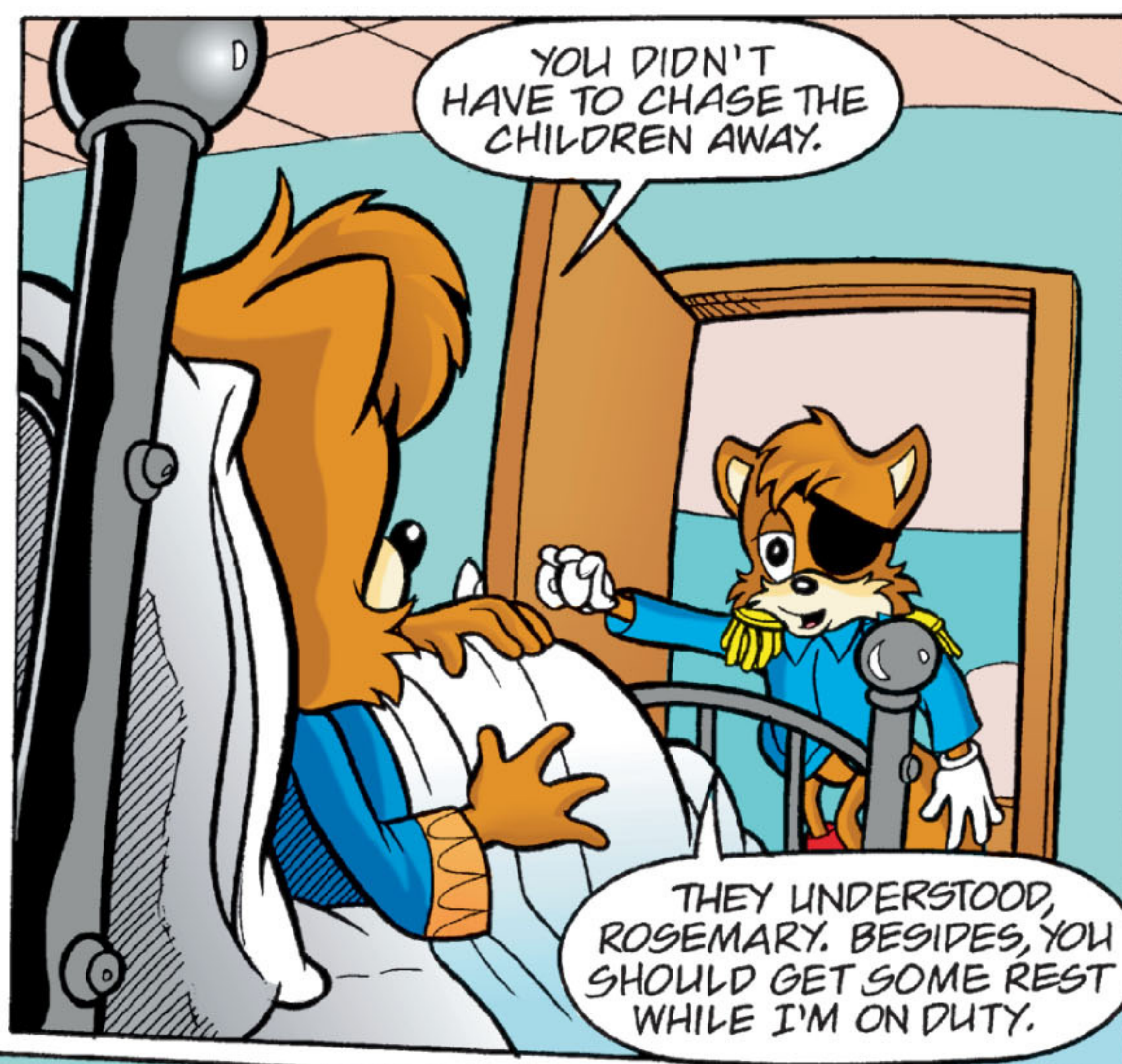
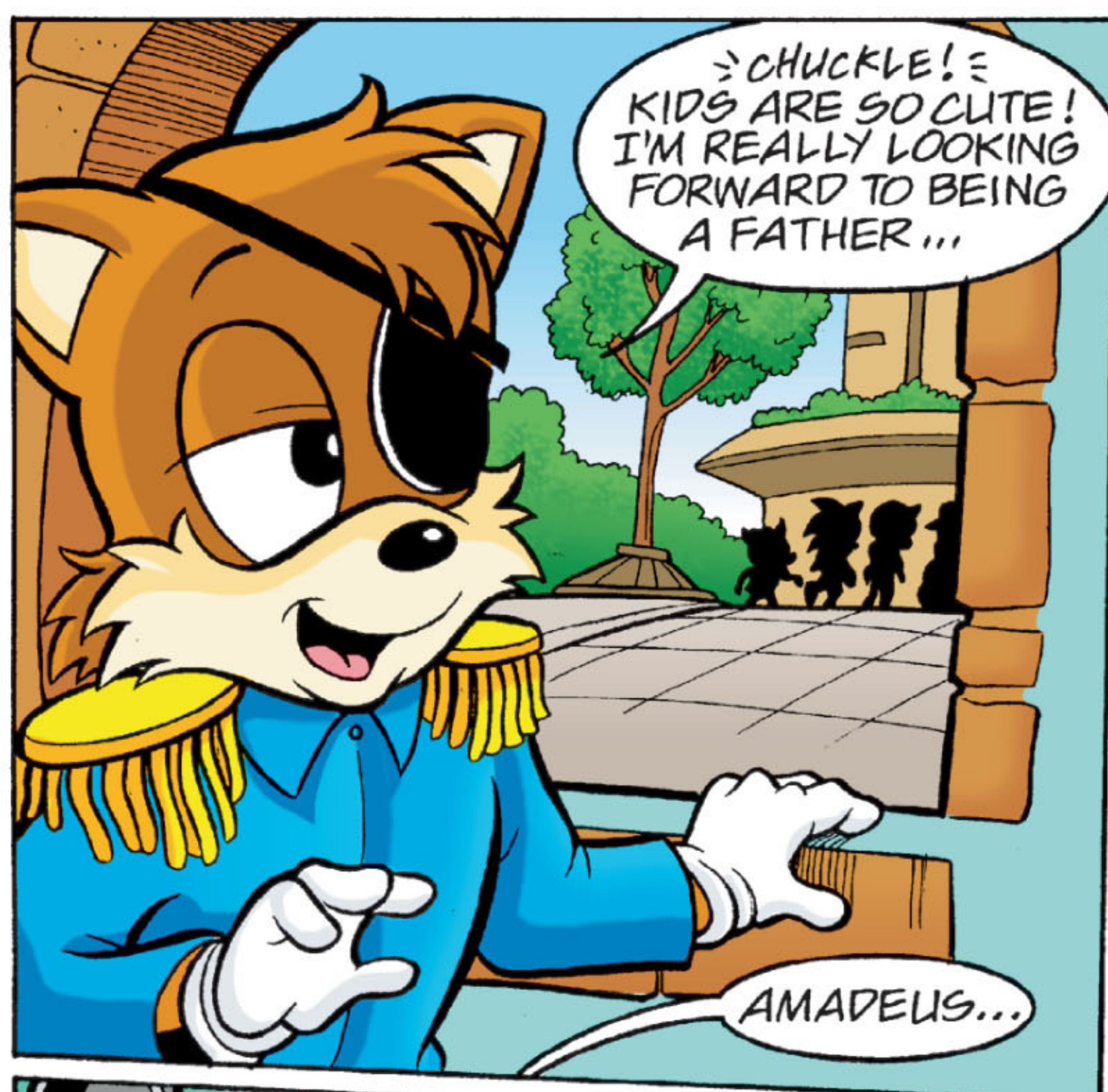
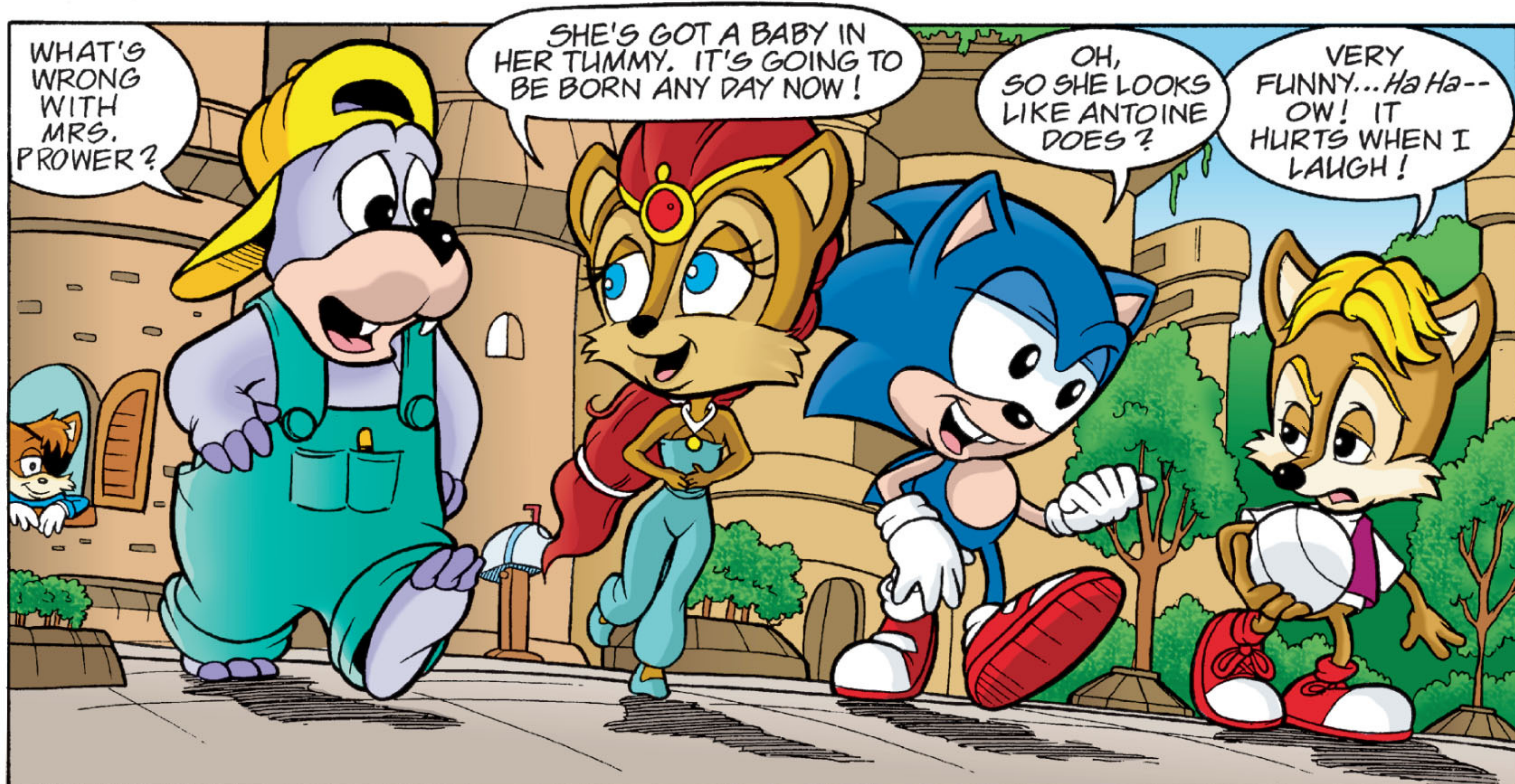
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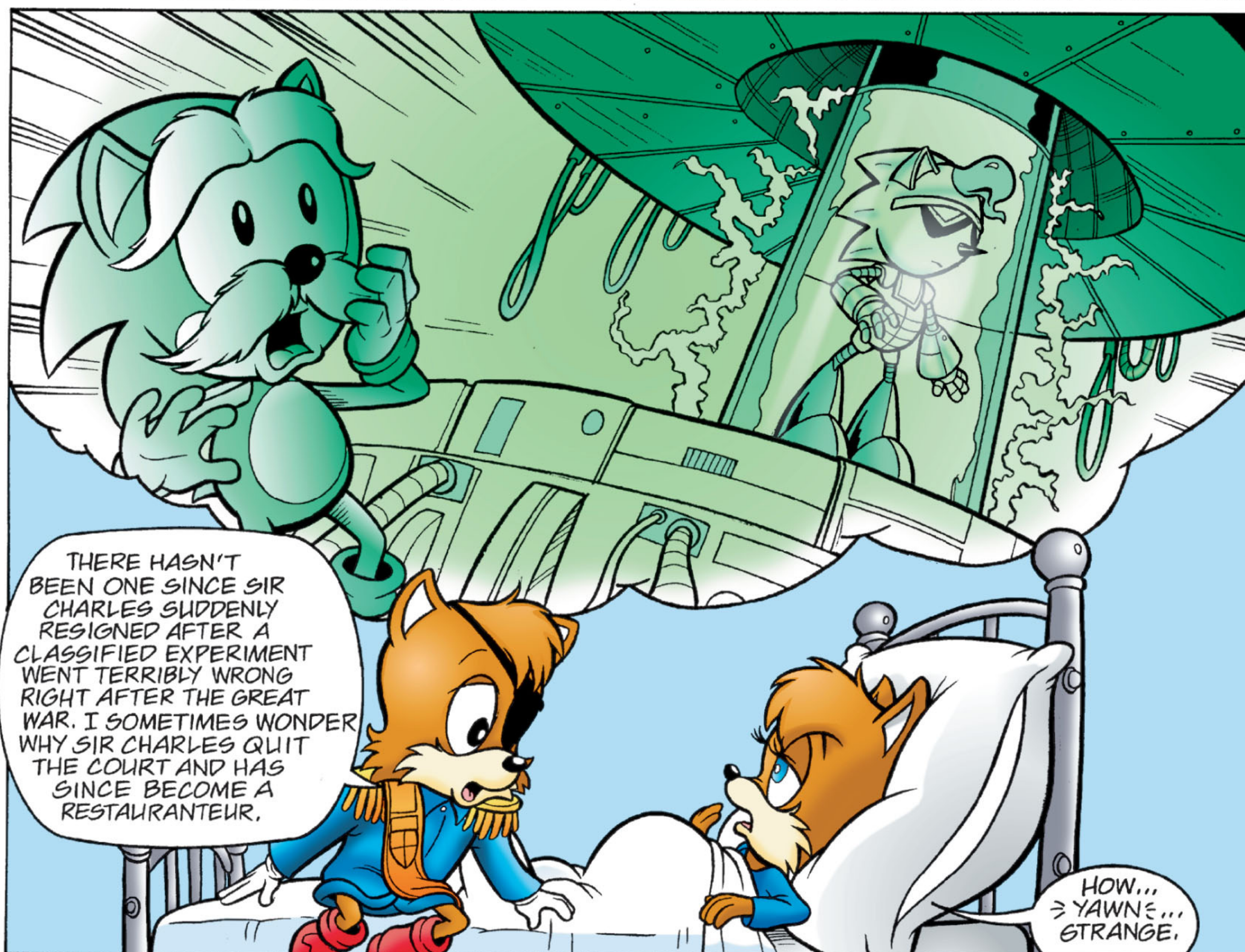
KIDS--Shhhhhh! COULD I PLEASE ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR GAME SOMEPLACE ELSE?

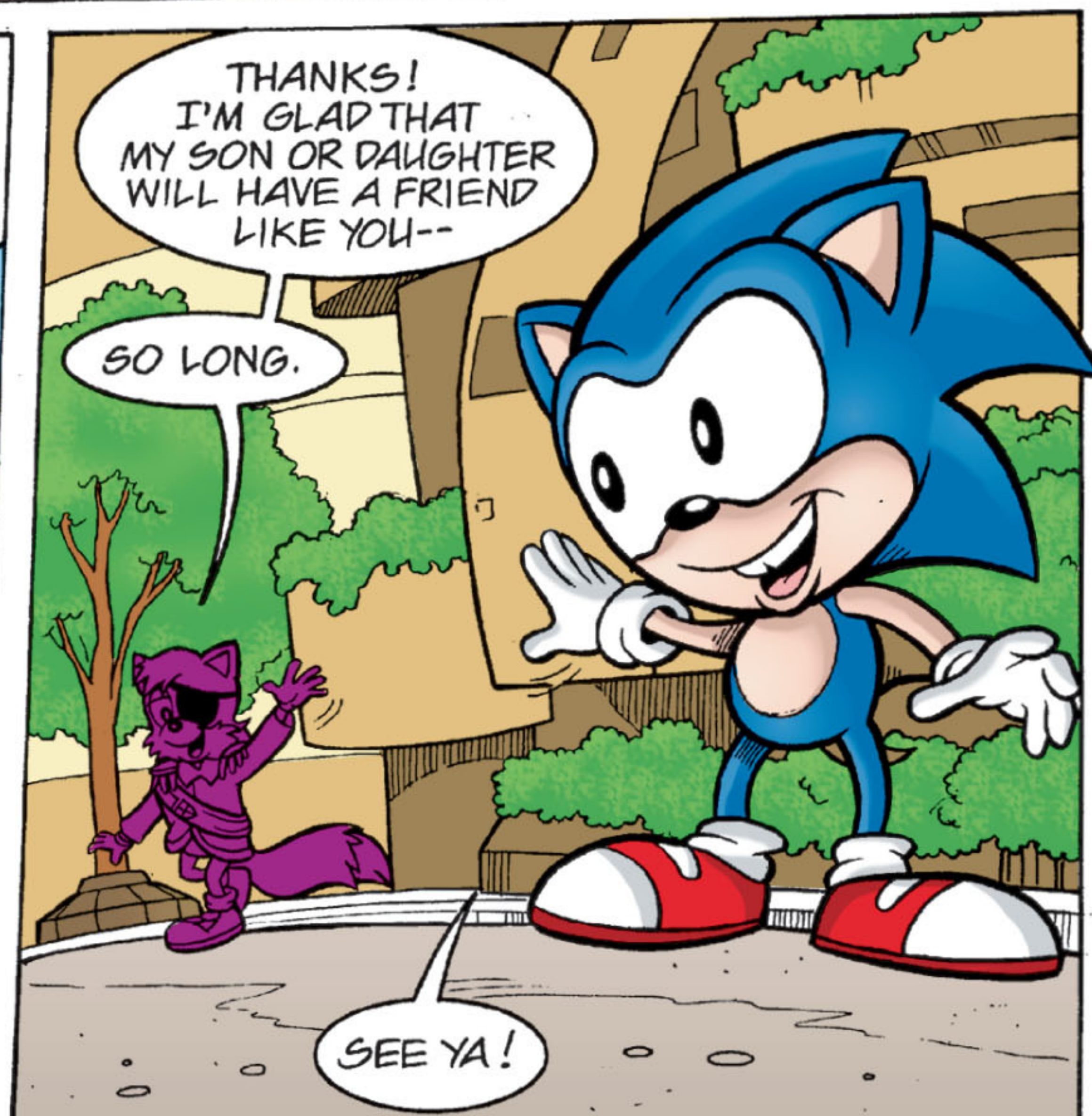
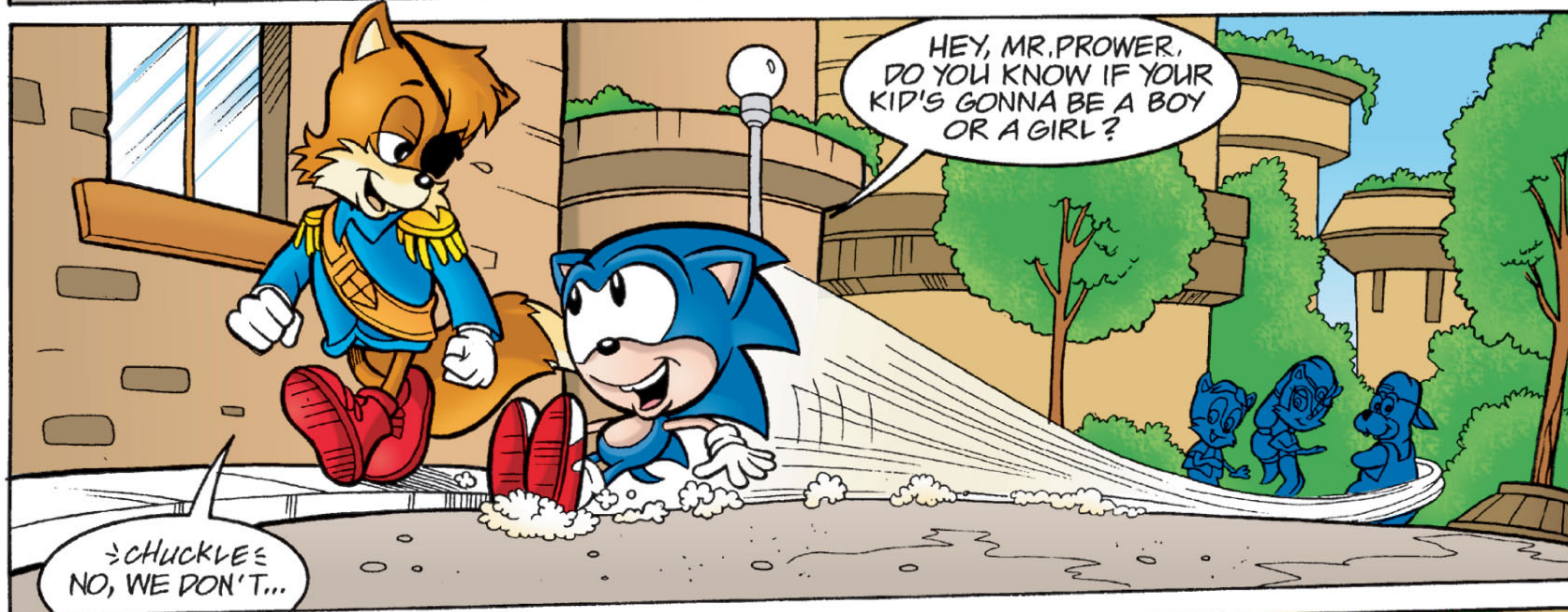
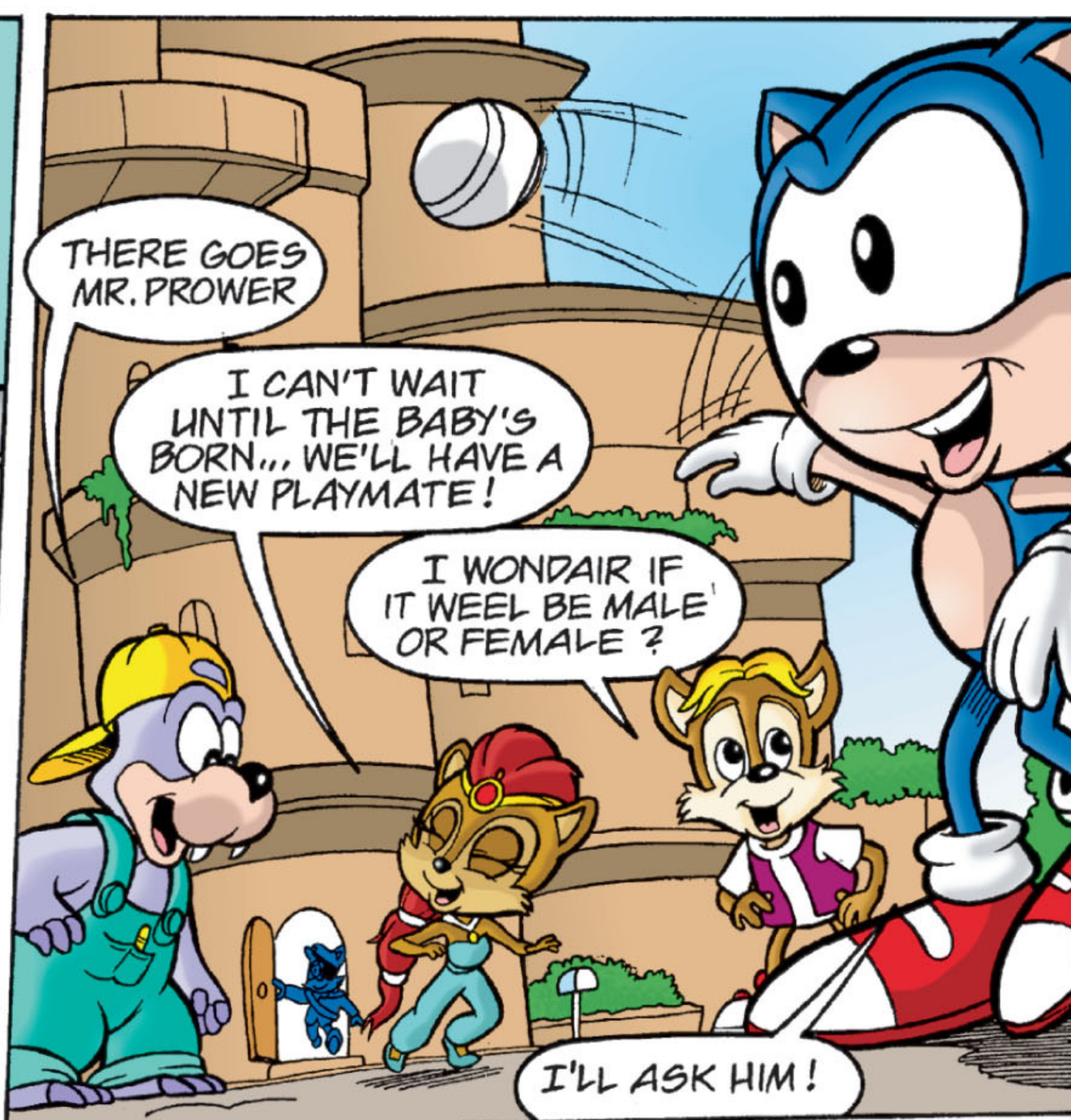
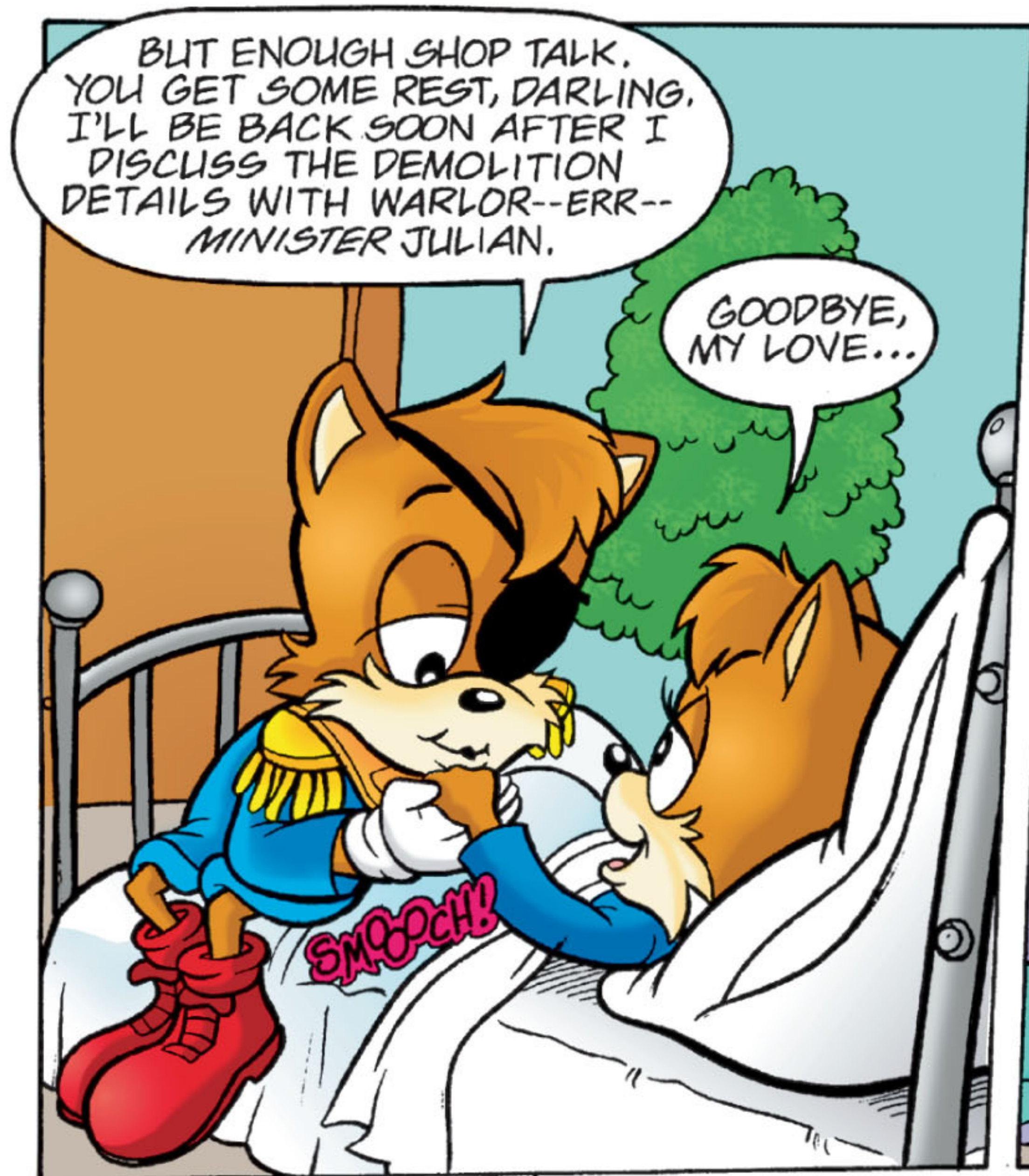
SURE, MR. PROWER!

SORRY--WE FORGOT ABOUT YOUR WIFE'S CONDITION. C'MON, GUYS!

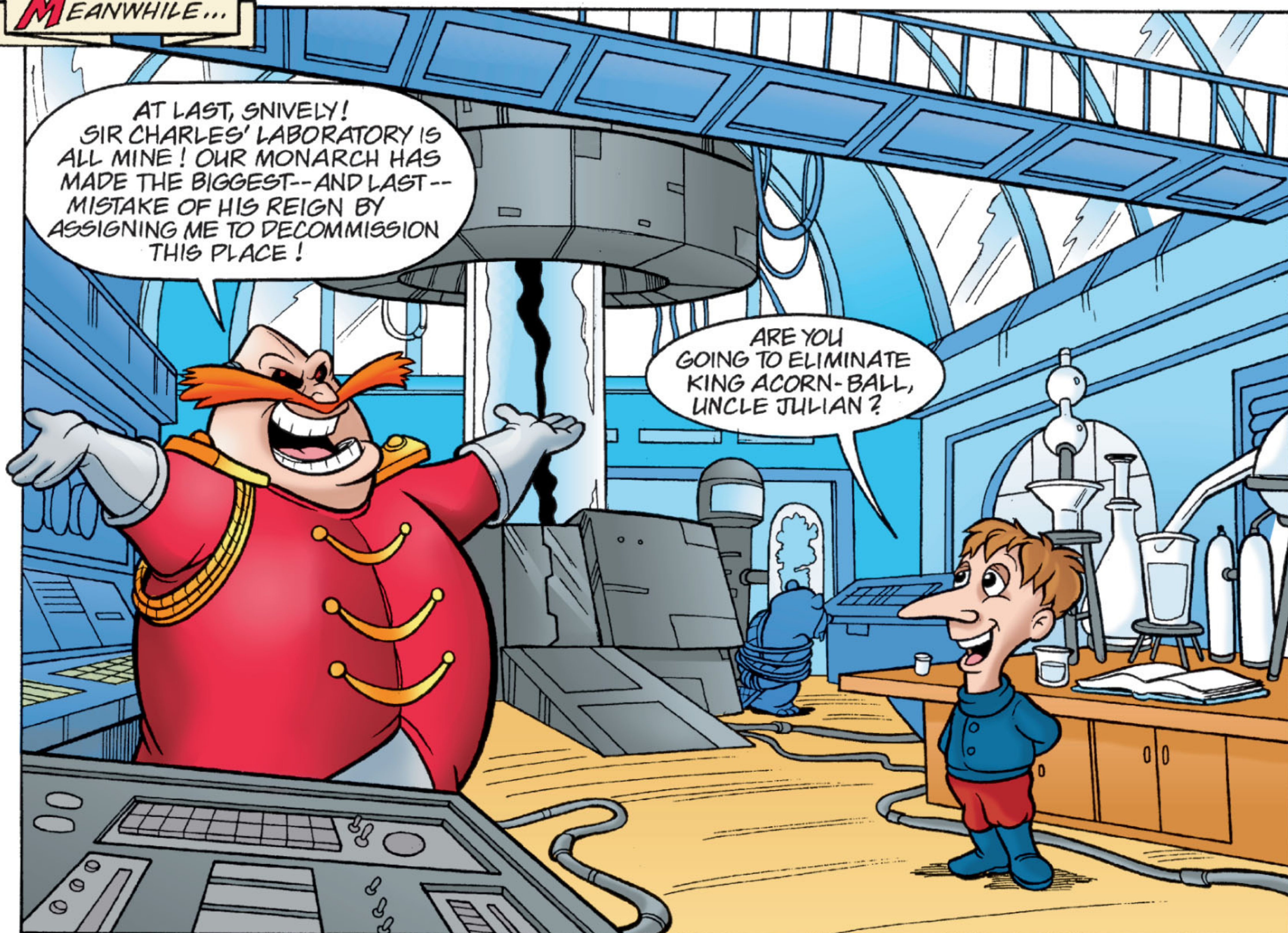
Ooooooooooog... MY BELLY...







MEANWHILE...



AT LAST, SNIVELY!
SIR CHARLES' LABORATORY IS
ALL MINE! OUR MONARCH HAS
MADE THE BIGGEST--AND LAST--
MISTAKE OF HIS REIGN BY
ASSIGNING ME TO DECOMMISSION
THIS PLACE!

ARE YOU
GOING TO ELIMINATE
KING ACORN-BALL,
UNCLE JULIAN?



NO, THAT WOULD
BE FAR TOO SIMPLE. INSTEAD,
I SHALL SENTENCE HIS MAJESTY
TO AN ETERNITY OF TORTUROUS
SOLITUDE INSIDE THE ZONE OF
SILENCE! AS I DID WITH
WARLORD KODOS,



BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST...
SIR CHARLES' MASTERPIECE--
THE ROBOTICIZER! HAVE
WE PRODUCED A VOLUNTEER,
SNIVELY?

RIGHT HERE,
OH OVAL ONE!

AT THAT MOMENT,
OUTSIDE THE LAB...

NO ADMITTANCE
WITHOUT ROYAL
GUARD ESCORT.
NO EXCEPTIONS,
BY ORDER OF
KING ACORN.

NO!
DON'T-
PLEASE!
NOOOO...

STRANGE... MINISTER JULIAN WAS
SUPPOSED TO MEET ME HERE. HE
KNOWS IT'S A VIOLATION TO
GO INSIDE UNESCORTED,

WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN THERE? I'D BETTER
INVESTIGATE!

IT'S WORKING, SNIVELY!
SIR CHARLES' INVENTION TURNS
FLESH AND BLOOD INTO NUTS AND
BOLTS! BEST OF ALL, FREE WILL
IS REPLACED WITH MINDLESS
DEVOTION TO ME!

YOUR VILE VISION
FOR ENSLAVING PLANET
MOBIUS WILL SOON BE
REALITY!

BY THE KING'S
SWORD! JULIAN AND
HIS ASSISTANT ARE
TRAITORS! I MUST
STOP THEM!

YOUR-WISH-IS-
MY-COMMAND.

>CACKLE!< OH, MY WISH IS
ABOUT TO COME TRUE! A WORLD
POPULATED BY MECHANICAL
CREATURES AND RULED BY ME!

WRONG,
OVERLANDER!

JULIAN KINTOBOR OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST--
YOU TOO, SNIVELY KINTOBOR. AS FOR THAT HORRID CREATURE YOU JUST
CREATED, HE'LL BE 'EXHIBIT A' AT YOUR TREASON TRIAL!

I SINCERELY DOUBT THAT, COMMANDER
PROWER... AND PLEASE-- CALL ME "DR. IVO ROBOTNIK!!!"
"DR. JULIAN KINTOBOR" JUST DOESN'T HAVE THAT
RING OF TERROR I WANT IN MY NAME!

≡ULP!≡

YOU SEE, I'VE
BEEN PLANNING
THIS MUTINY FOR
A LONG TIME.

THIS MECHA-BEaver ISN'T
THE FIRST MECHANICAL
MINION I'VE CREATED...

I'M WARNING
YOU, JULIAN--

--OR ROBOTNIK--OR
WHATEVER! STAY STILL
OR I'LL BE FORCED TO USE
THIS OVERLANDER WEAPON!

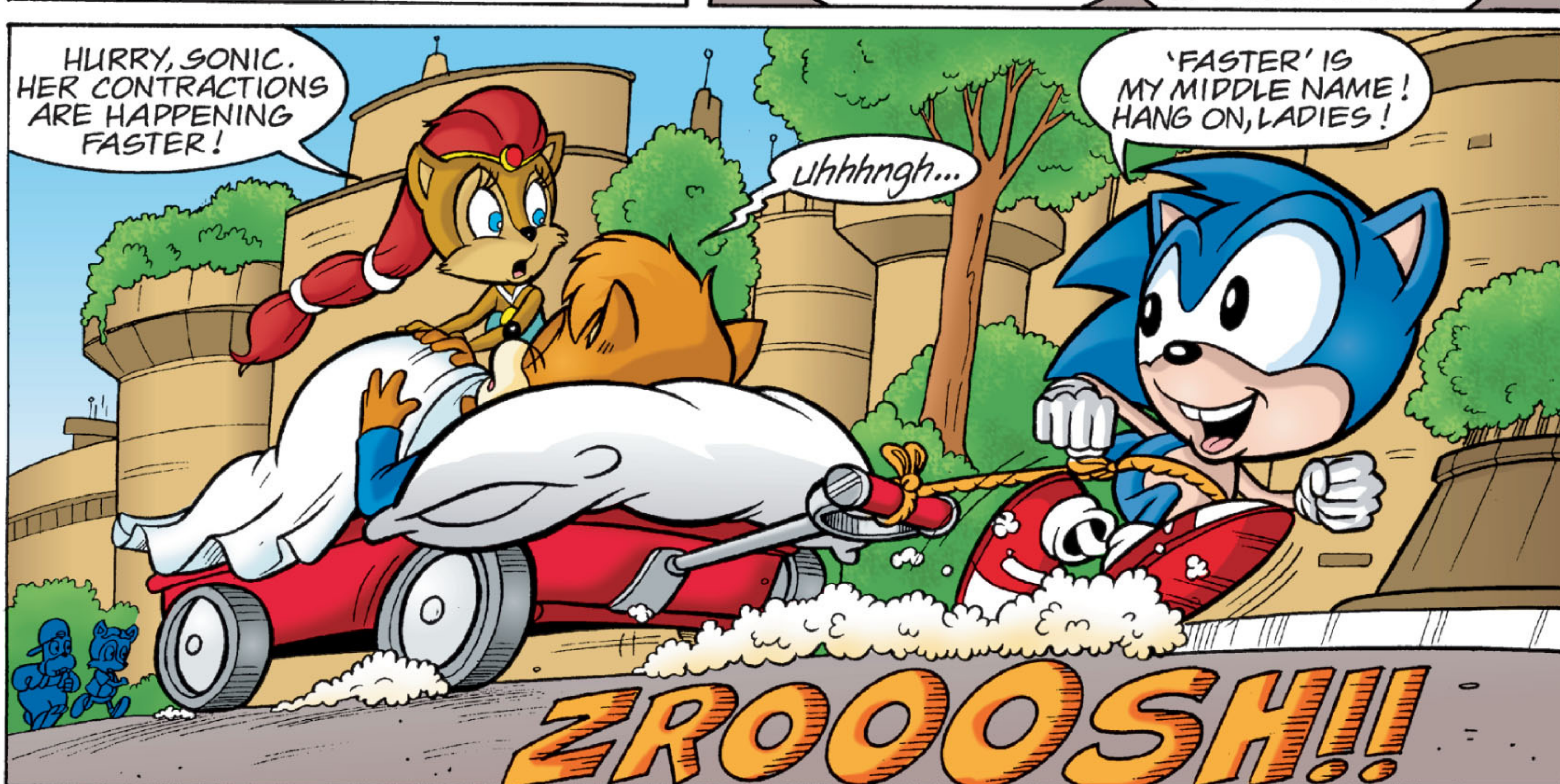
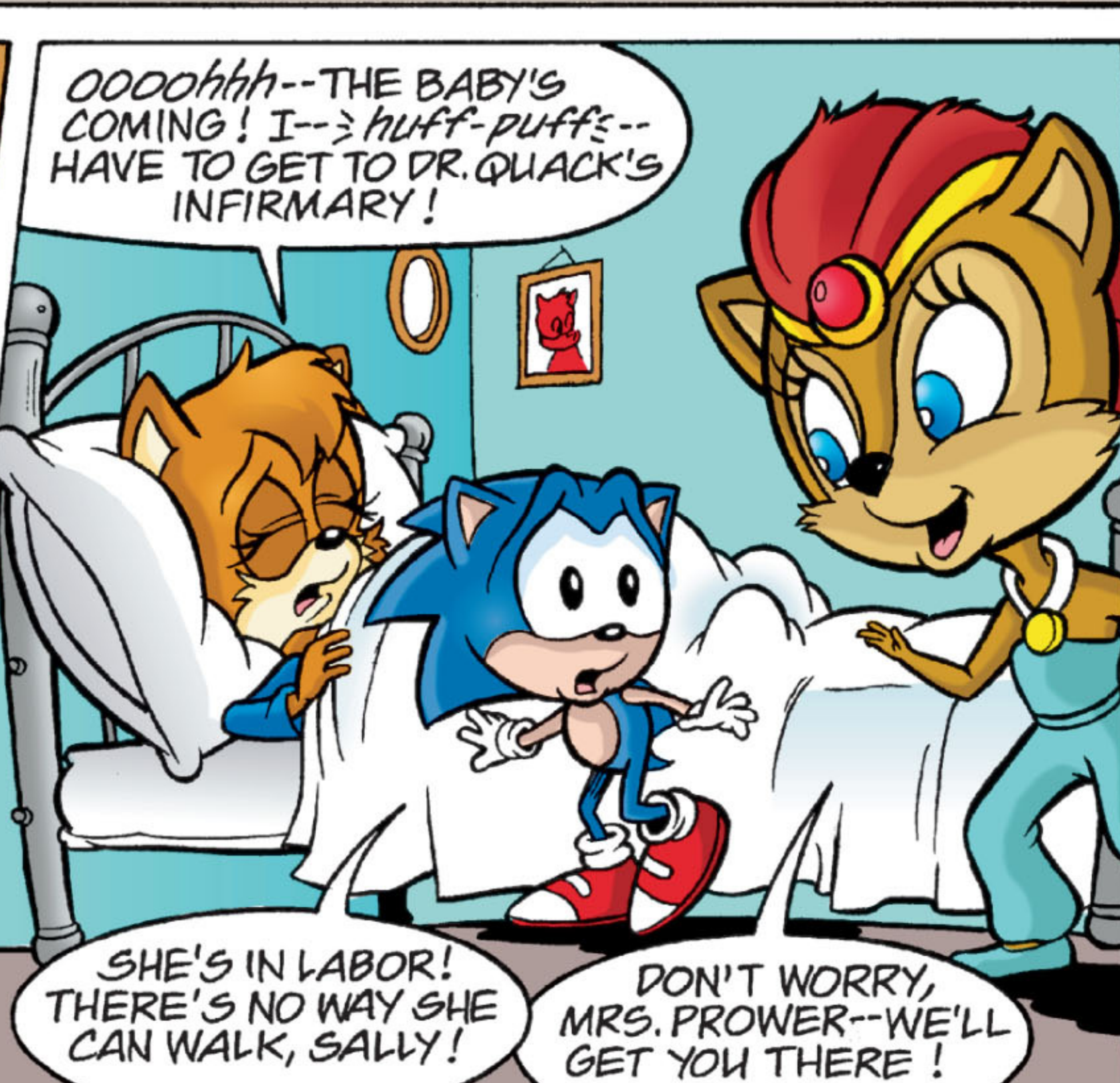
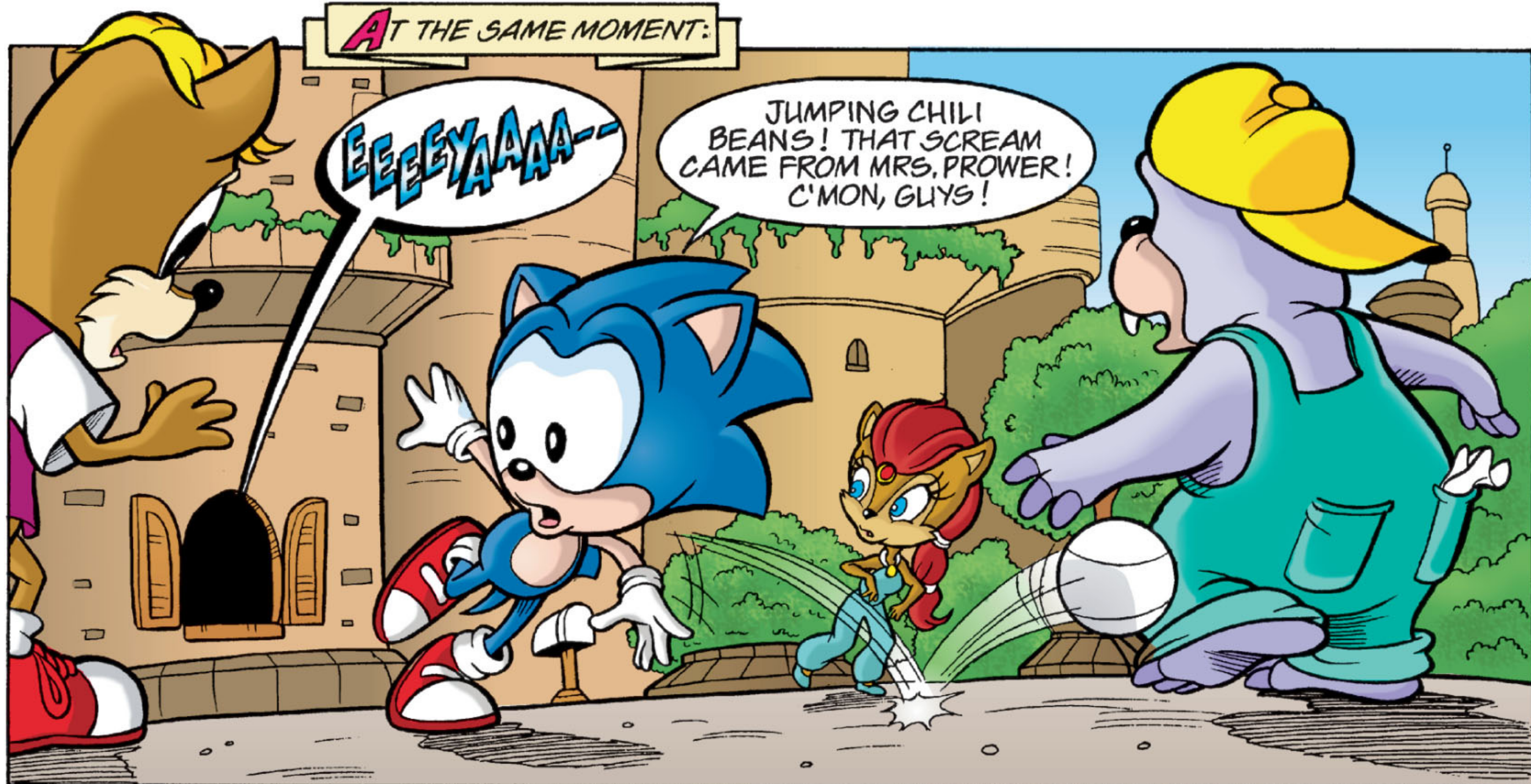
ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T COME UP
WITH SIR CHARLES' CLEVER
ROBOTICIZER, I HAVE
PERFECTED A ROBO-
PROTOTYPE OF
ANOTHER
KIND...

FOR THE
LAST TIME--

I CALL IT A
"SWATBOT!"

EEEEYAAA--

AT THE SAME MOMENT:



A SHORT WHILE LATER:

YOU'RE DOING FINE, MRS. PROWER. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME,

I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PRINCESS AND HER FRIENDS,

YES, I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, CHILDREN!

THANKS, DADDY!

LET ME SEE MY LATEST SUBJECT... HELLO, LITTLE MILES! Awww--HE HAS YOUR TAIL, ROSEMARY!

ACTUALLY, HE HAS BOTH HIS PARENTS' TAILS!

SACRE-BLEU--DEUX! *

* "TWO" IN FRENCH--EDITOR

SPEAKING OF THE BOY'S FATHER, WHERE IS AMADEUS?

I CALLED THE LAB, MINISTER JULIAN SAID HE WAS HELPING THEM WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND THEY'D BE HERE SOON.

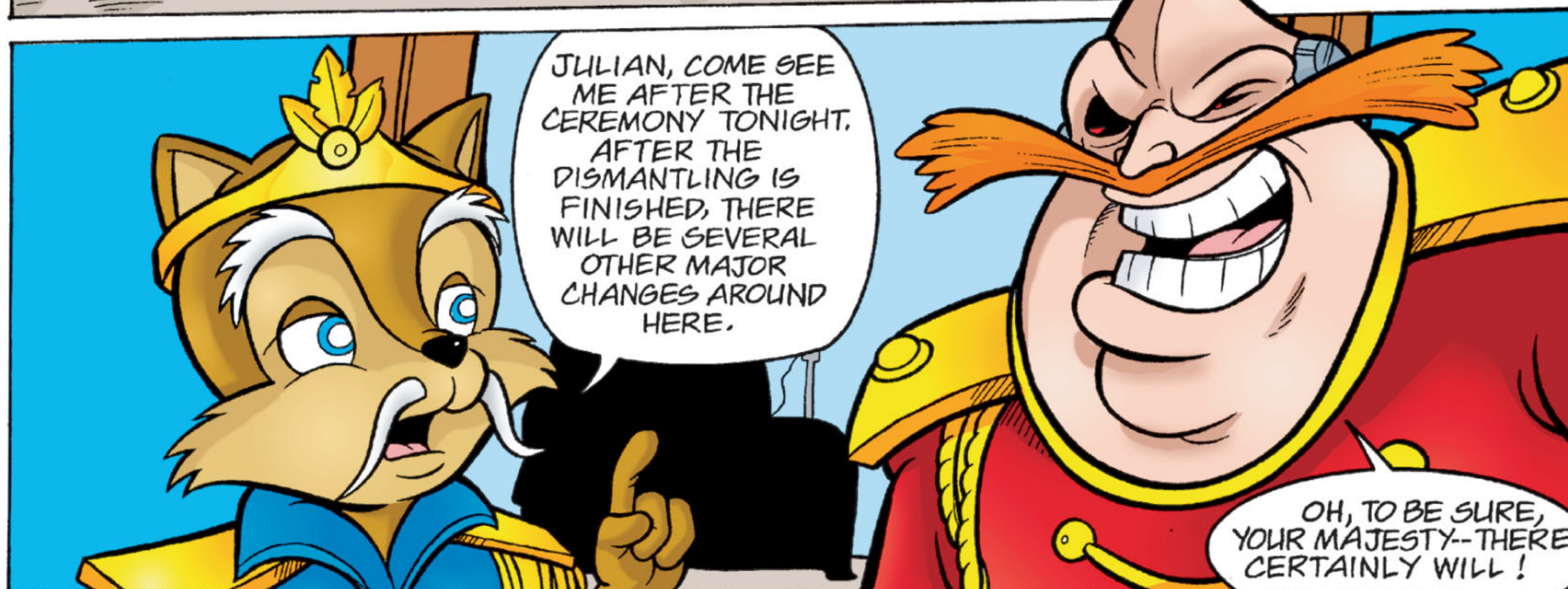
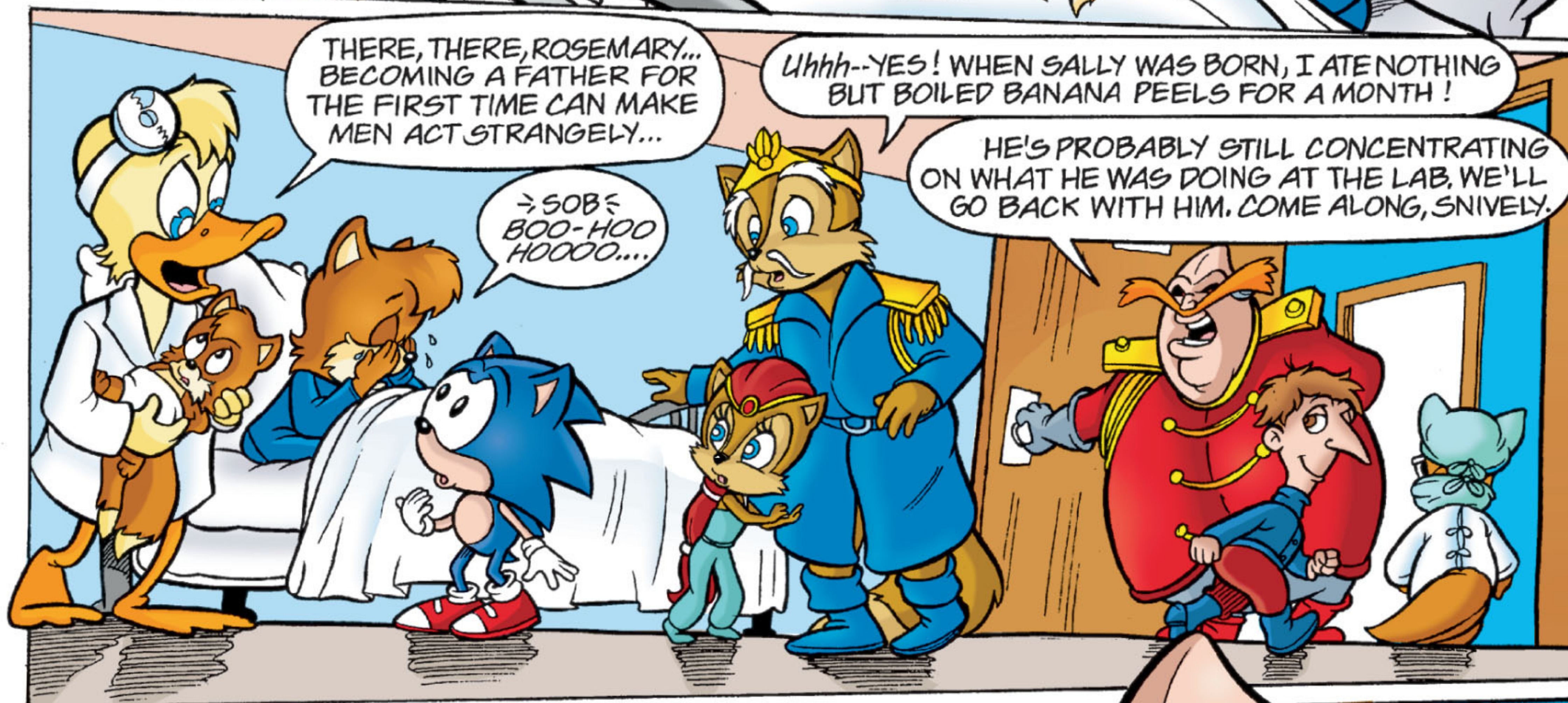
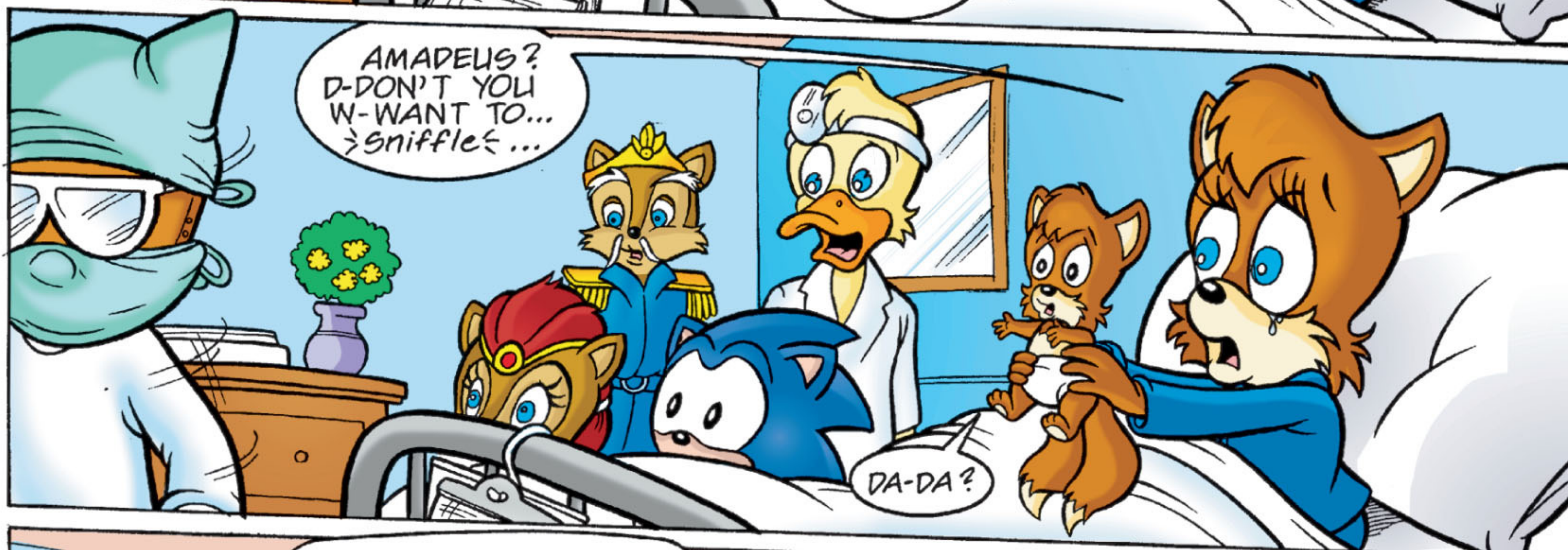
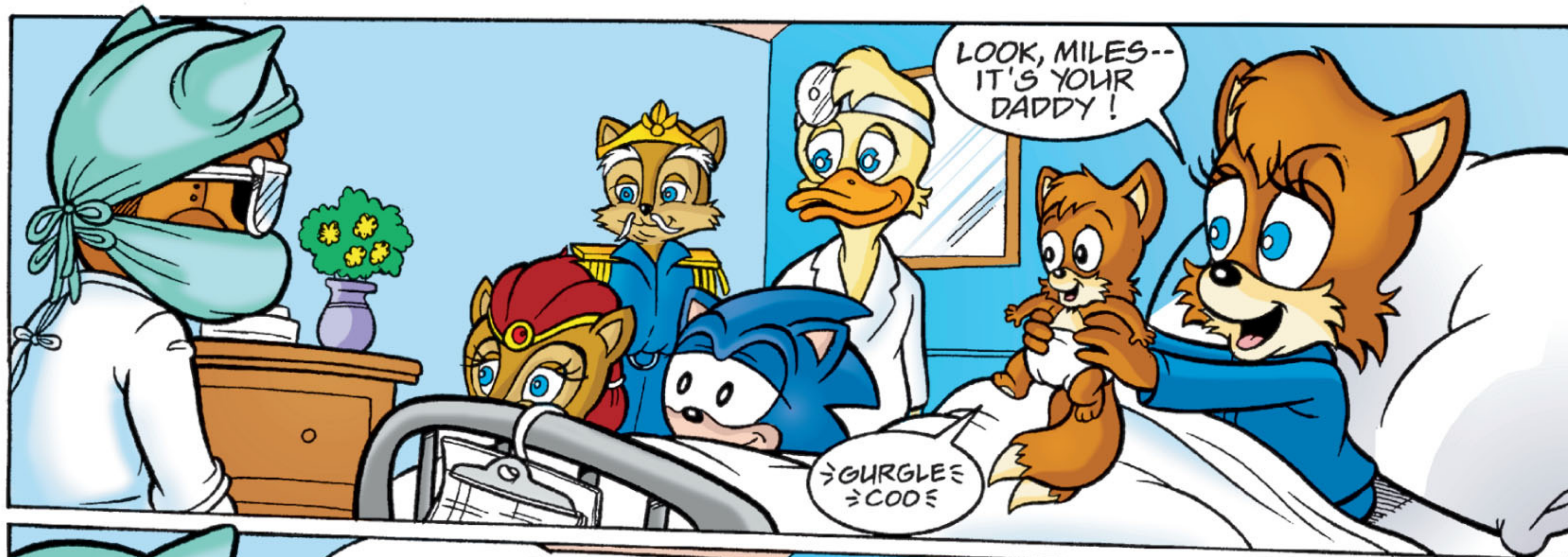
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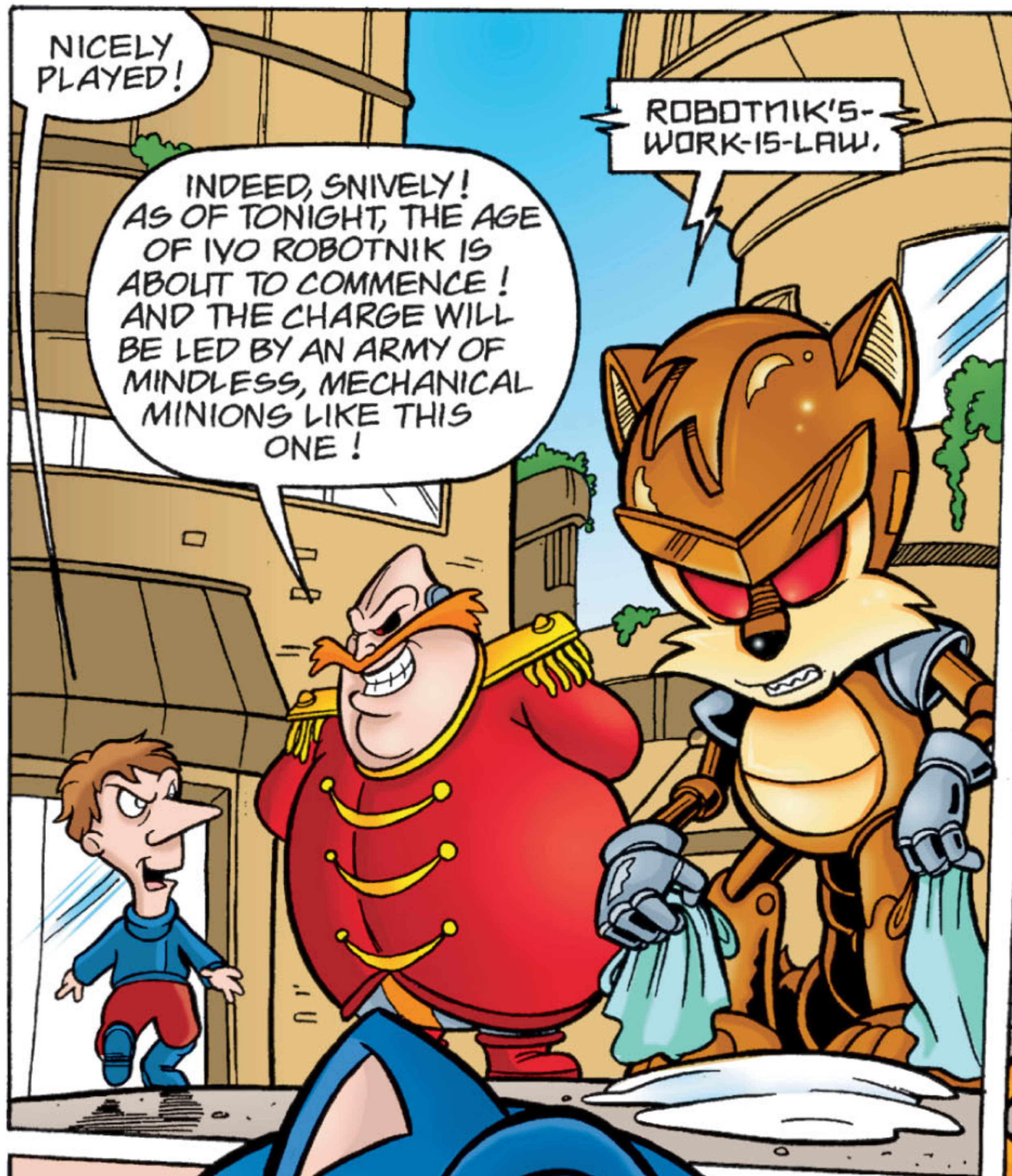
SORRY WE'RE LATE, COMMANDER PROWER WAS IN--ERR--A CONTAMINATED ROOM... BUT AS SOON AS WE HEARD, WE RUSHED OVER HERE!

WE WANT TO KEEP HIM STERILE SO THERE'S NO RISK TO THE BABY!

A WISE IDEA.

COME SEE YOUR SON, DARLING!





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ALL MY LIFE
I *NEVER*
HAD A CHOICE.

I WAS BORN *HEIR*
TO THE *THRONE*
OF ACORN AND
TAUGHT TO BE A
QUEEN
FROM DAY ONE.

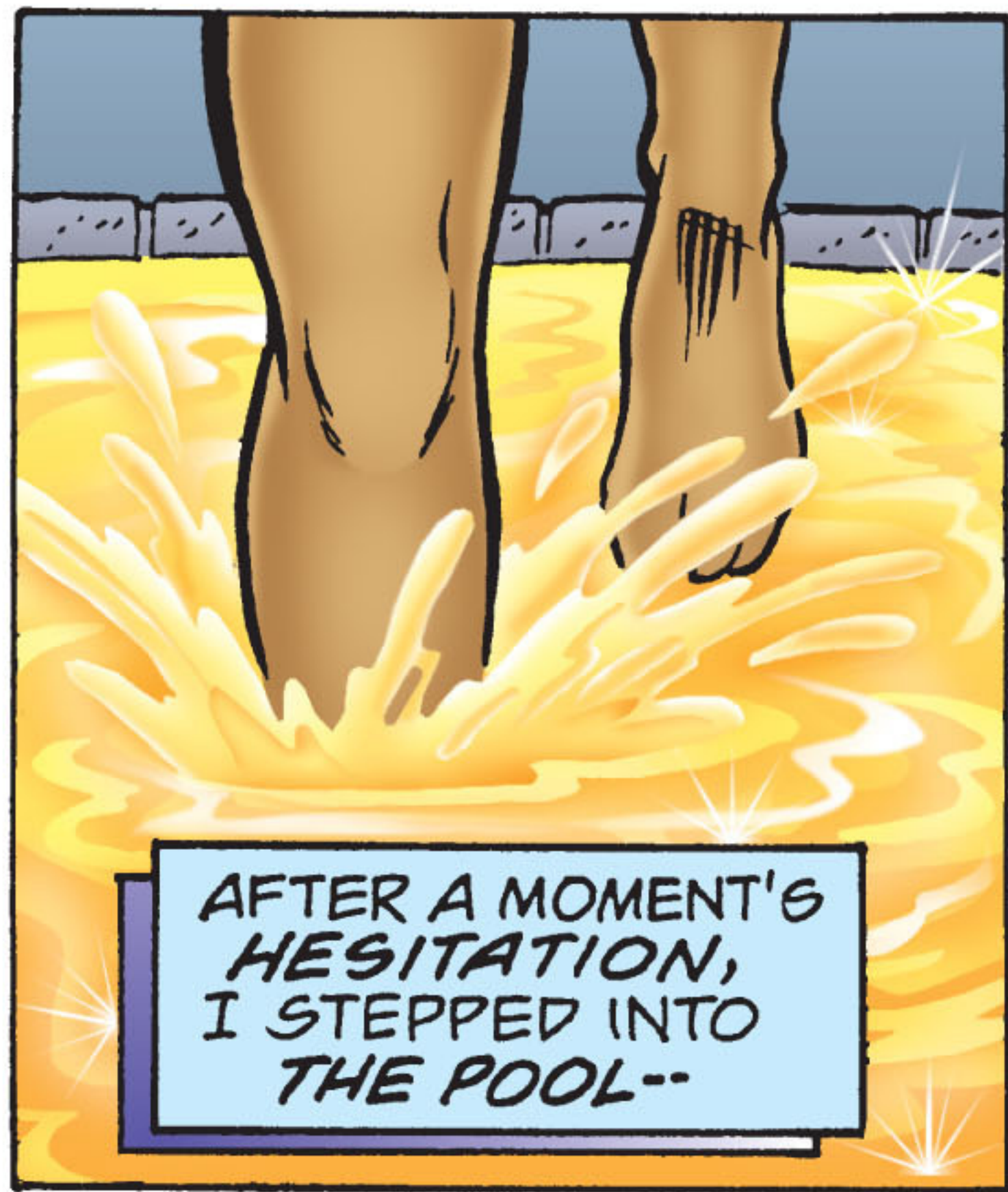
HAVING RECENTLY DISCOVERED
I HAVE A *BROTHER*, I FOUND
I WAS NO LONGER CHARGED
WITH CONTINUING THE *LINE*
OF *SUCCESSION*.

HOWEVER, *ELIAS* FELT OTHERWISE,
AND OFFERED UP THAT WHICH BY ALL
RIGHTS WAS HIS.

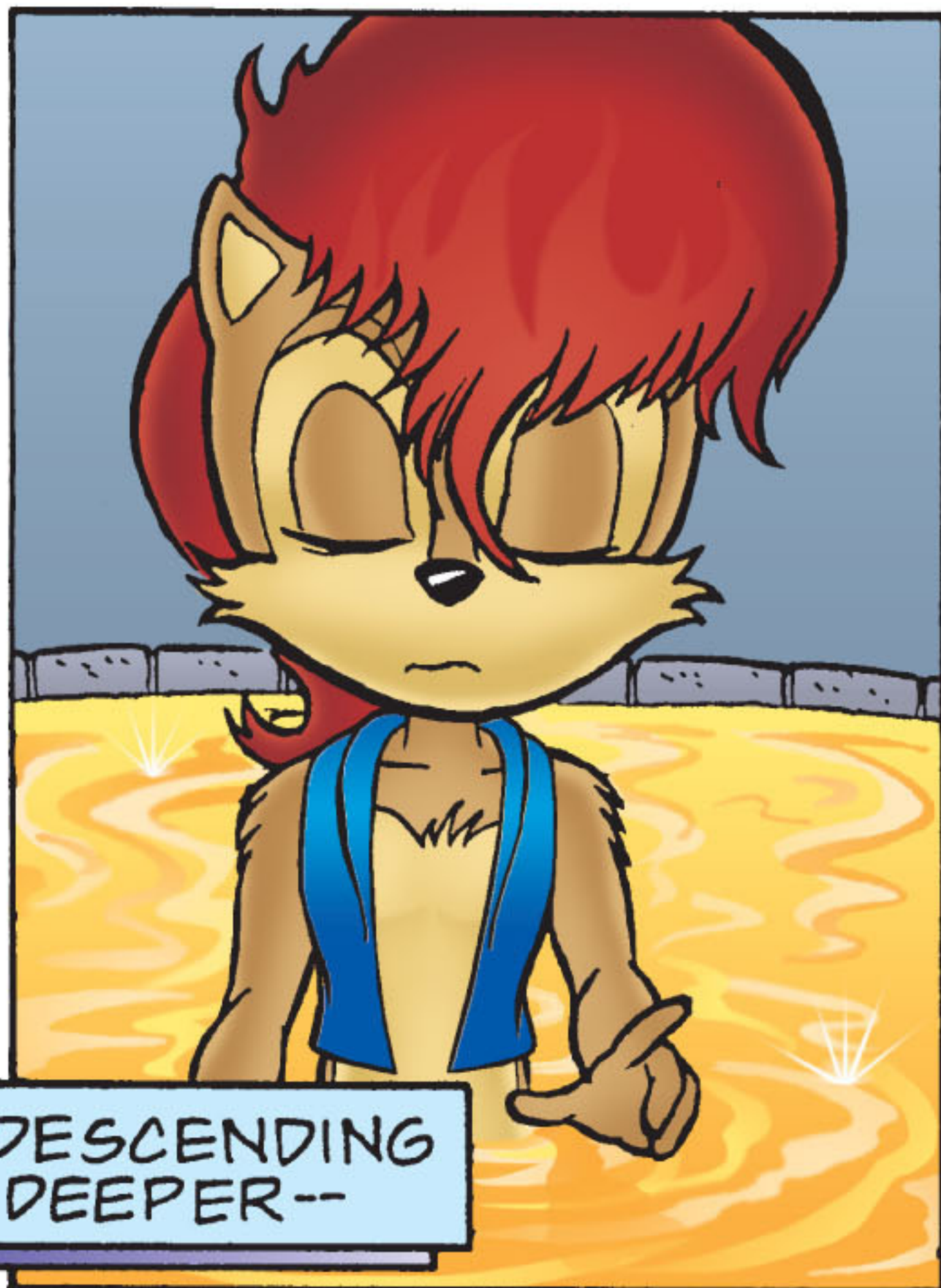
HAVING BEEN GIVEN A
CHOICE FOR THE *FIRST*
TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNEW
I HAD TO DECIDE--

-- WHAT *REALLY*
MATTERED TO
ME.

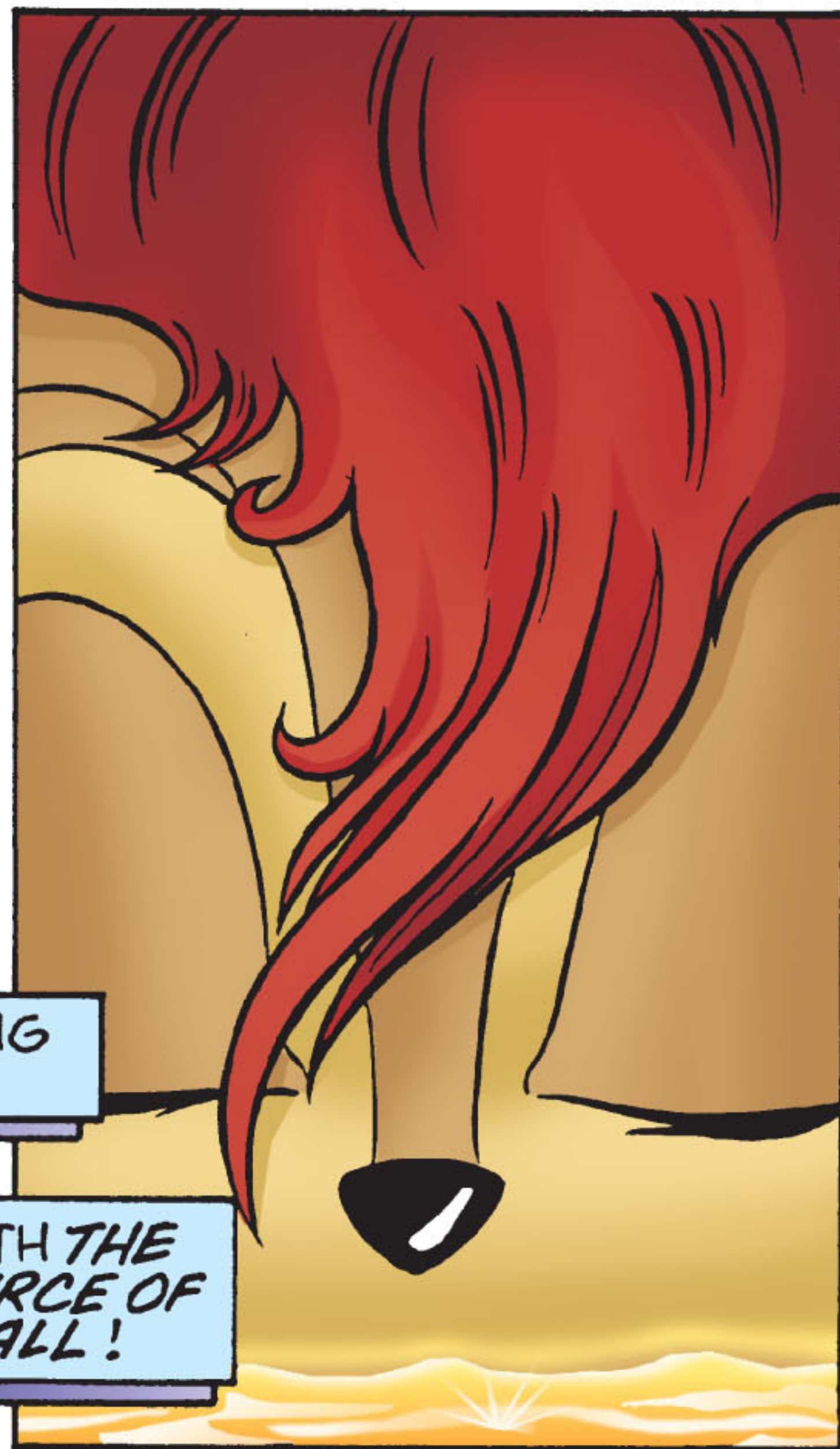
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AFTER A MOMENT'S
HESITATION,
I STEPPED INTO
THE POOL--

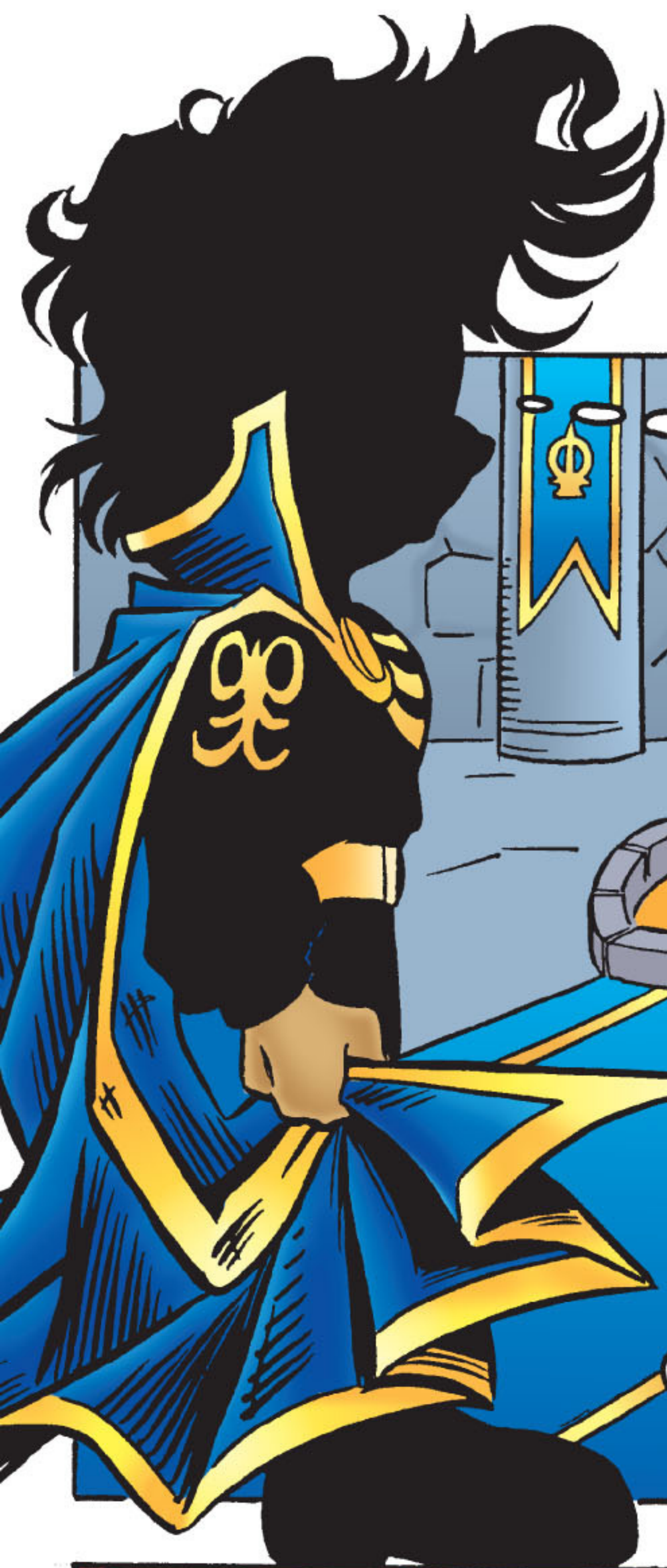


--DESCENDING
DEEPER--



--BECOMING
ONE--

--WITH THE
SOURCE OF
ALL!

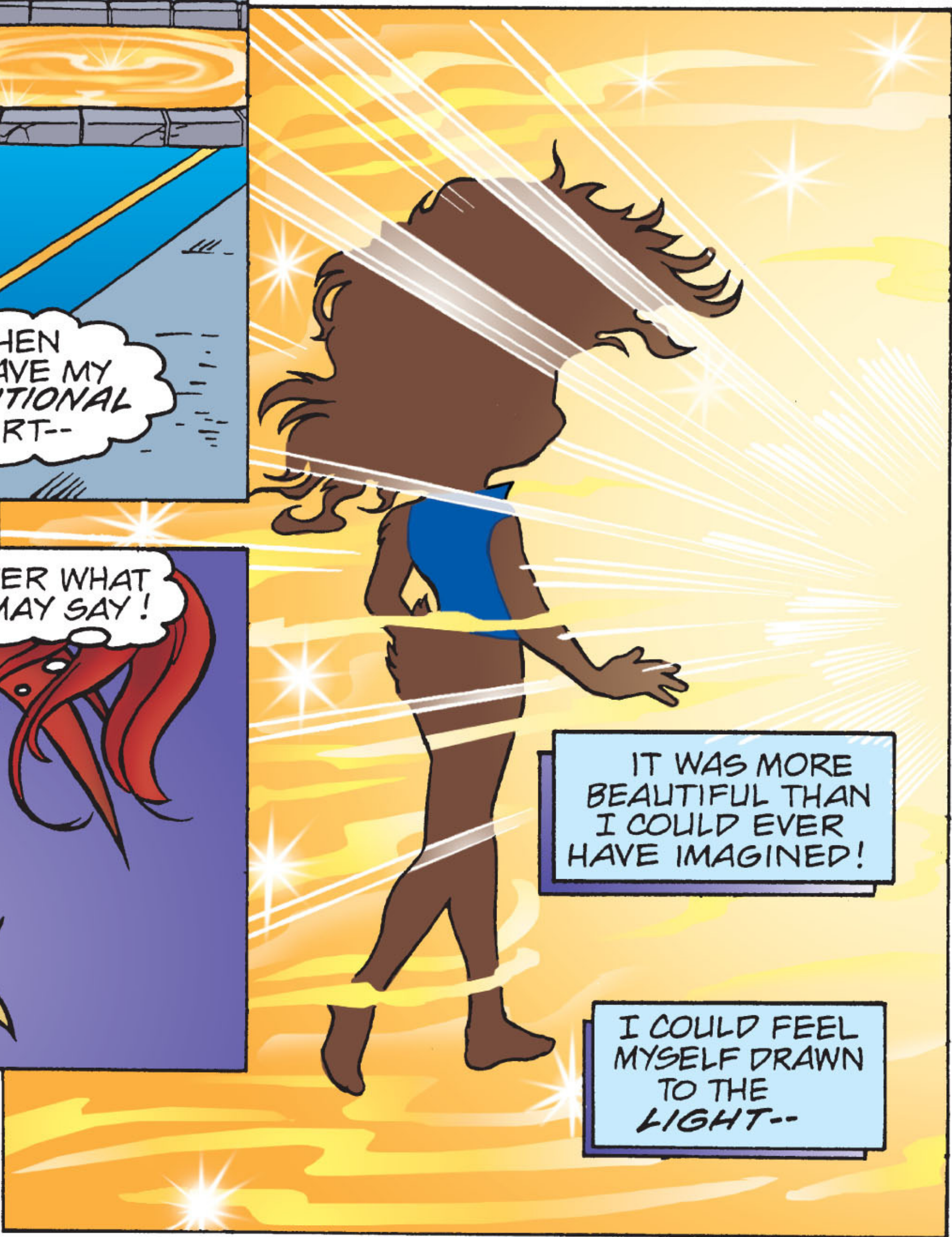


IF THIS IS WHAT
YOU *TRULY* WISH
FOR, SALLY--

--THEN
YOU HAVE MY
UNCONDITIONAL
SUPPORT--



--NO MATTER WHAT
FATHER MAY SAY!



IT WAS MORE
BEAUTIFUL THAN
I COULD EVER
HAVE IMAGINED!

I COULD FEEL
MYSELF DRAWN
TO THE
LIGHT--

--TO MY-- MOTHER?!

MY DARLING DAUGHTER--

--I PRAY YOU GROW UP IN A WORLD THAT **NEVER** KNOWS ANOTHER **WAR**!

OH, MOTHER, HOW I WISH THAT WERE TRUE!

I GUESS I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T REALIZE THEIR DREAMS!

BUT NOW THE IMAGES FADE INTO ANOTHER!

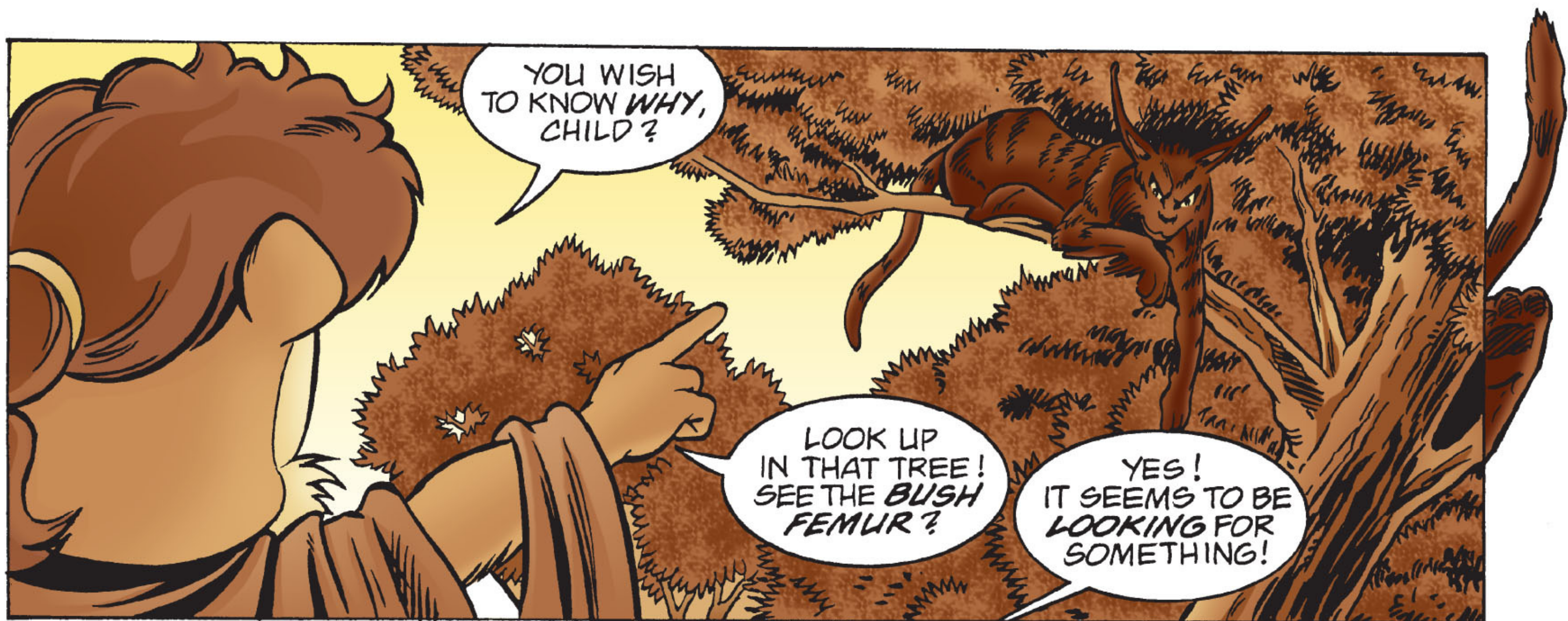
ANOTHER **MEMORY** BECOMES **REALITY** BEFORE ME--

--AS I WALK THROUGH MY **FAVORITE** GARDEN ALONGSIDE MY **TEACHER**!

DO YOU EVER THINK THE WAR WILL END, JULAYLA?

THAT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE KING CAN **REASON** WITH THE **OVERLANDERS**!

BUT **WHY** WOULD ANY LIVING CREATURE WISH TO **HARM** ANOTHER?



YOU WISH TO KNOW WHY, CHILD?

LOOK UP IN THAT TREE! SEE THE *BUSH* FEMUR?

YES! IT SEEMS TO BE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING!



IT'S STUDYING THAT *GOLDEN* WINGSPANNER EATING THE *WORM* YOU SEE BEFORE YOU!

HOW COME?

JUST WATCH!



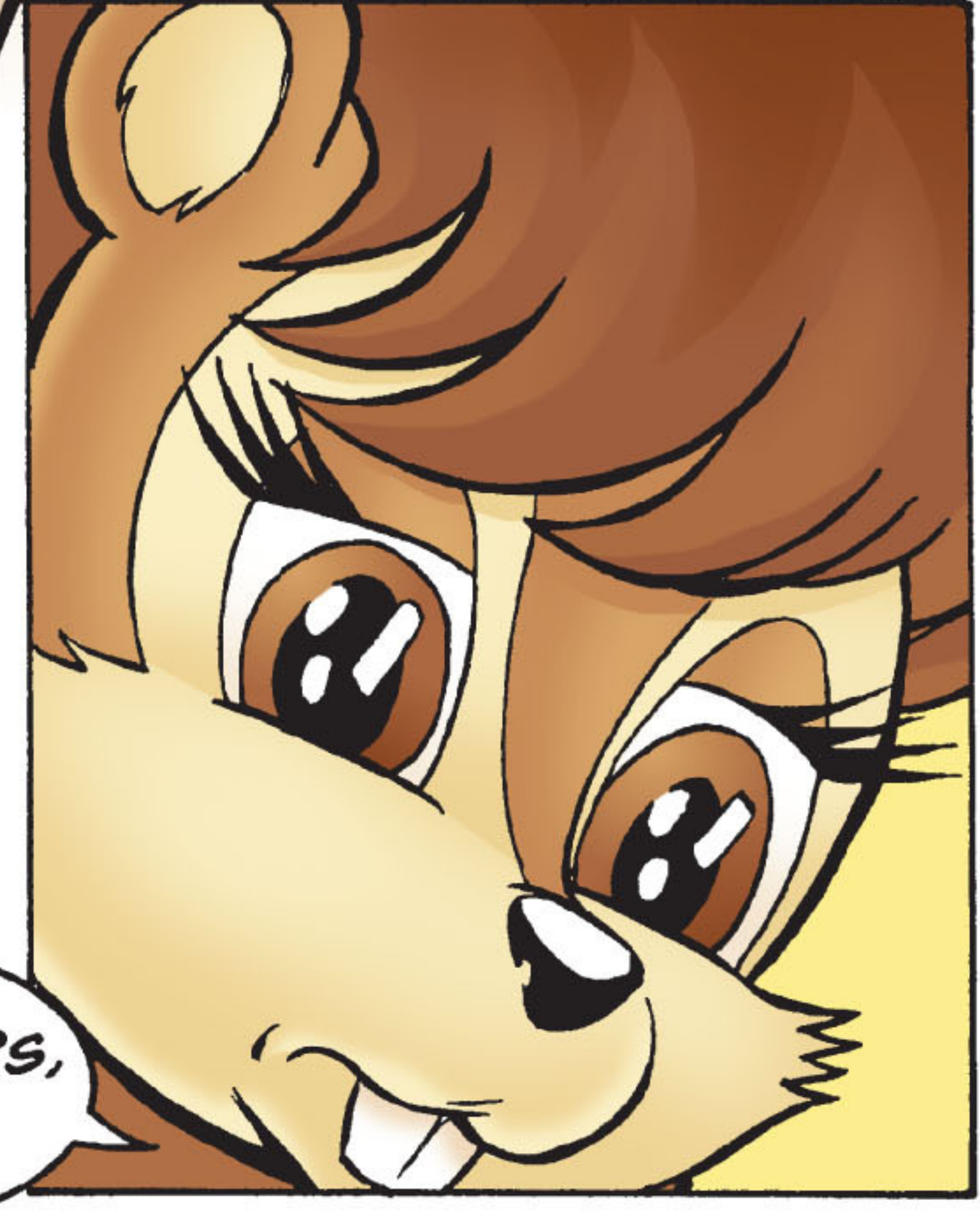
GROSS!!!! IT ATE THE WINGSPANNER!

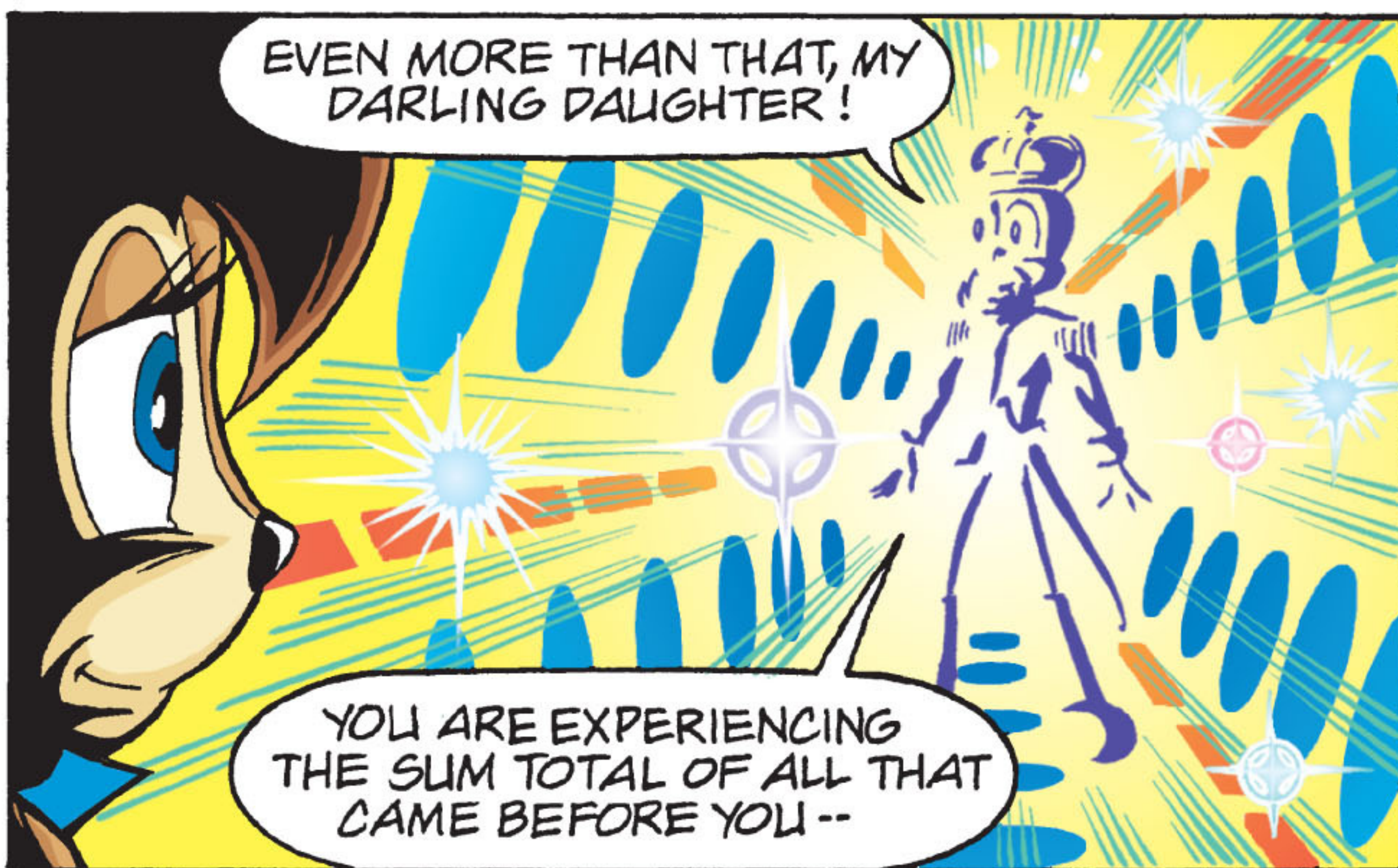
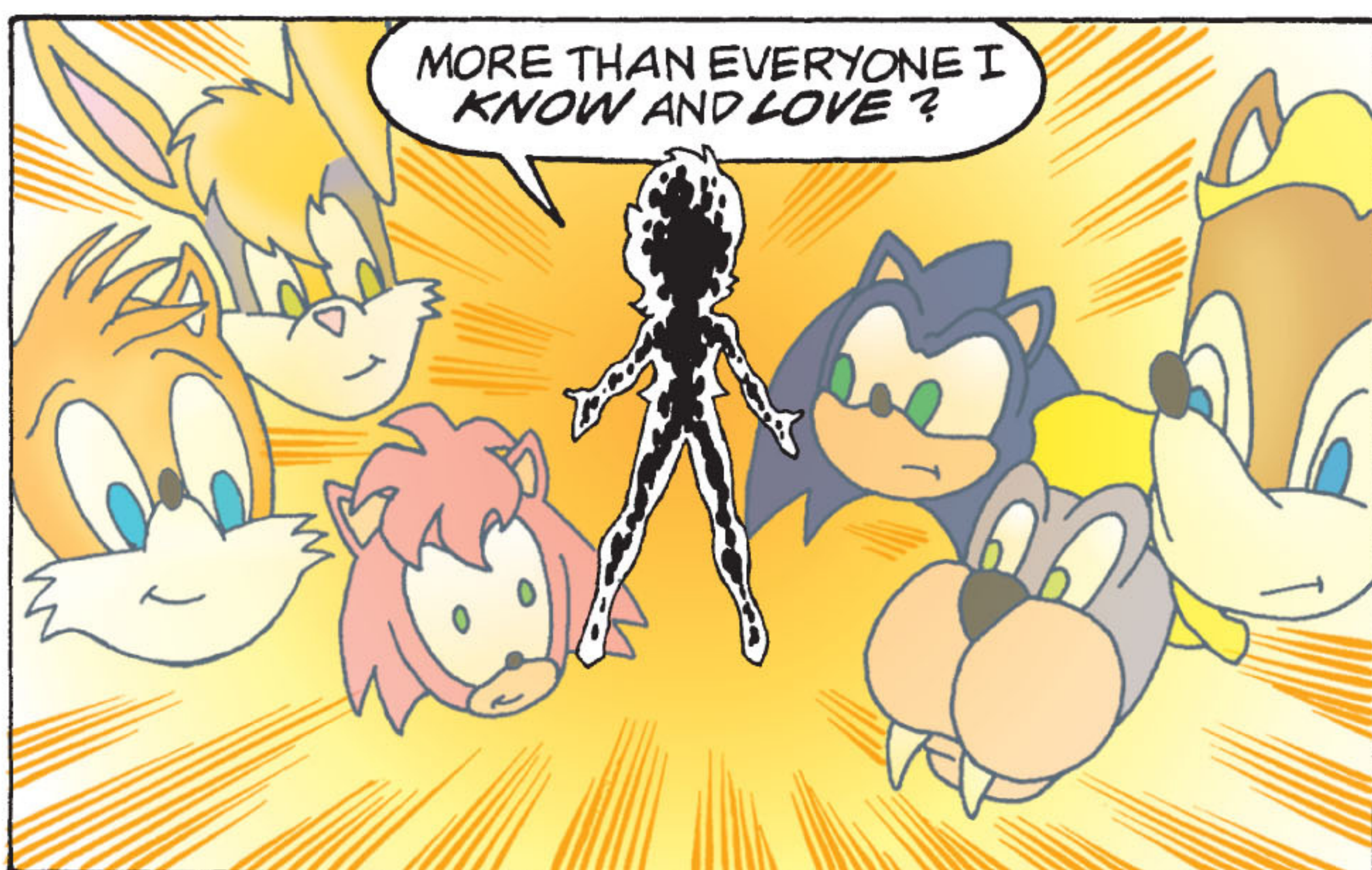
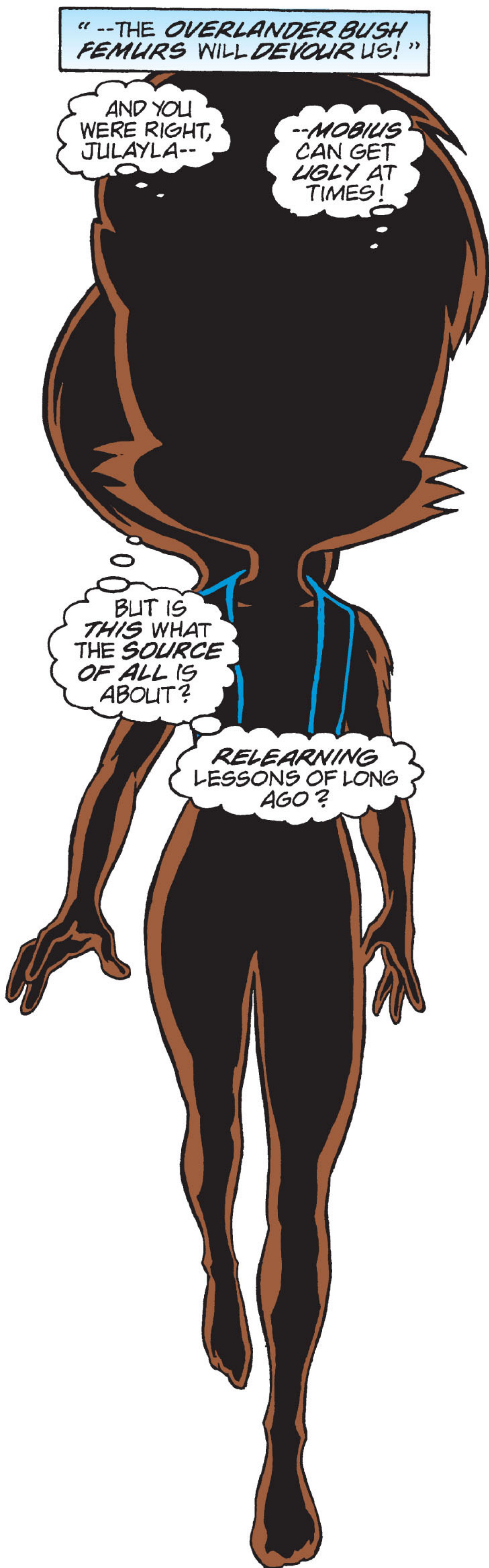
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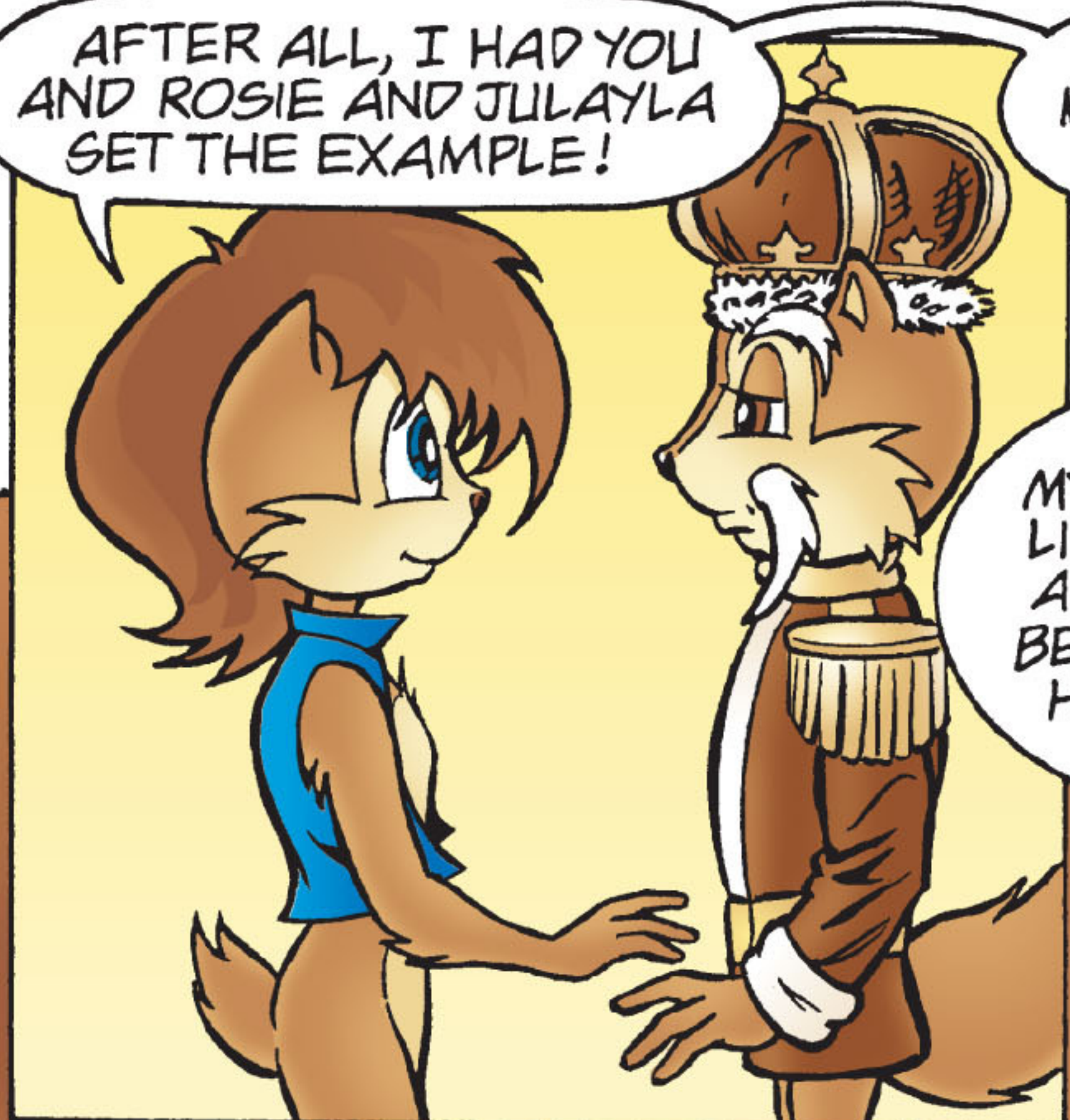


SO WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH US AND THE OVERLANDERS?

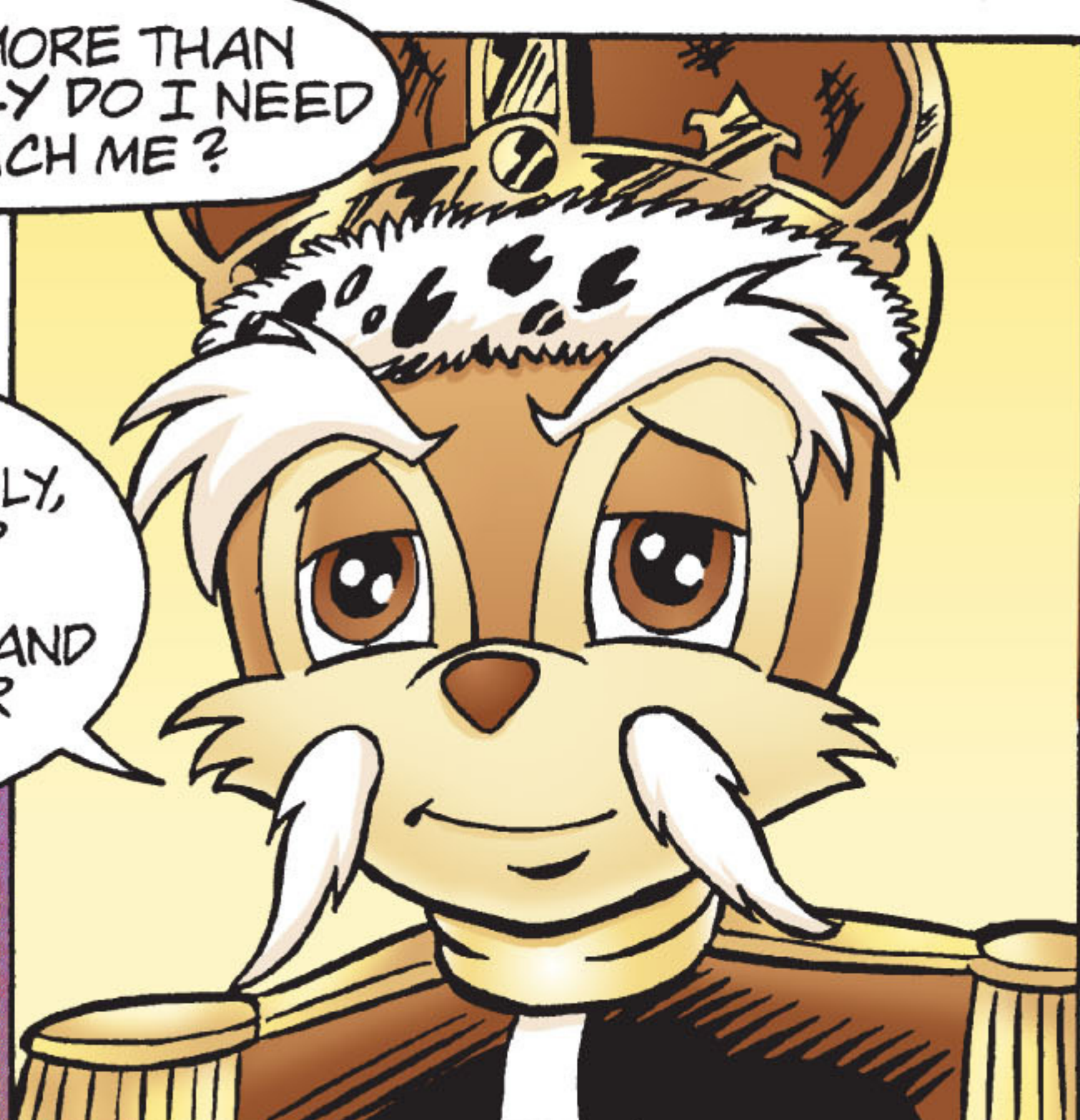
WE'RE THE *GOLDEN WINGSPANNERS*, SALLY, AND IF WE DON'T FIGHT BACK--





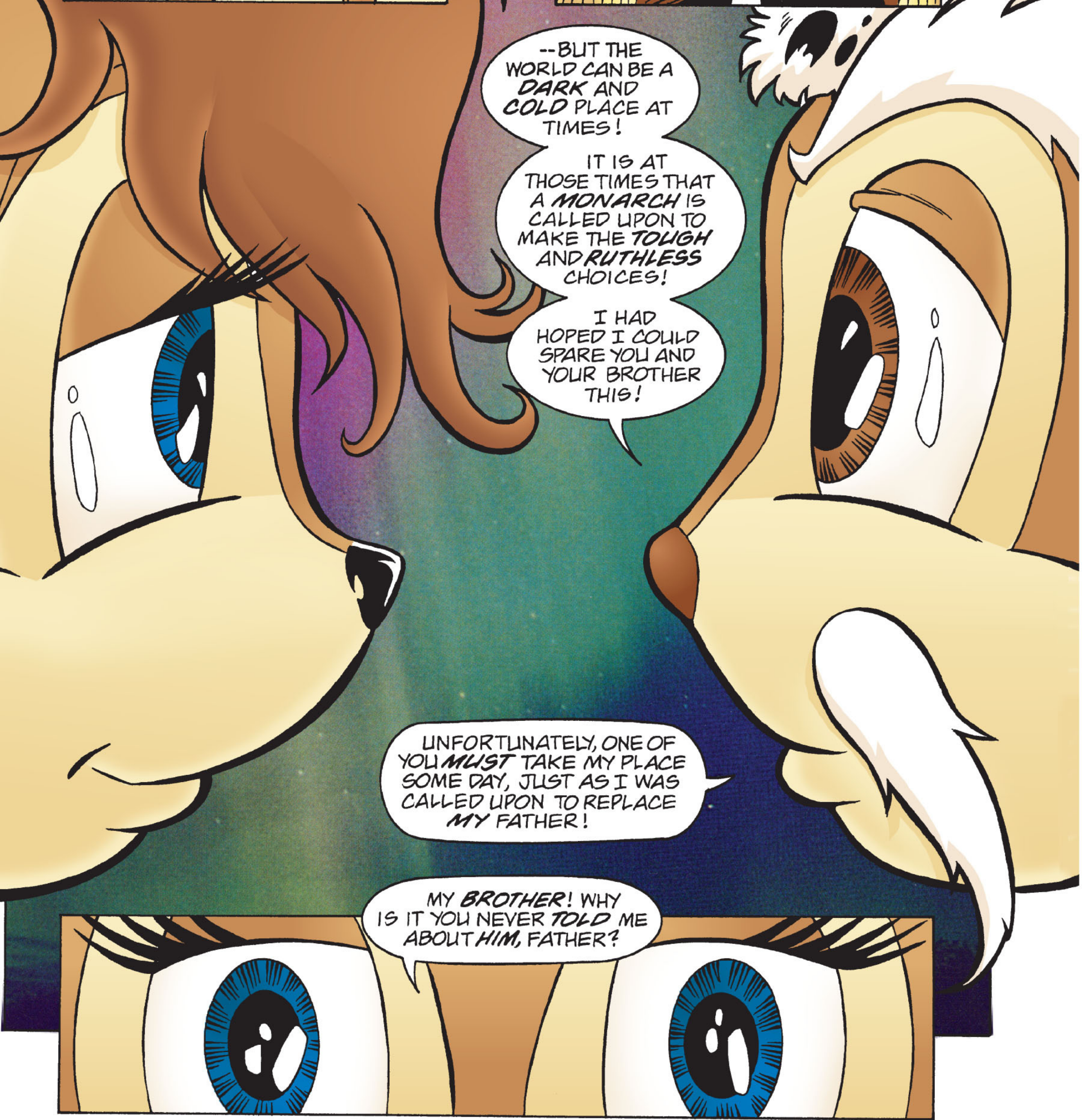


AFTER ALL, I HAD YOU
AND ROSIE AND JULAYLA
SET THE EXAMPLE!



WHAT MORE THAN
MY **FAMILY** DO I NEED
TO TEACH ME?

IF I HAD
MY WAY, SALLY,
LIFE WOULD
ALWAYS BE
BEAUTIFUL AND
HAPPY FOR
YOU--

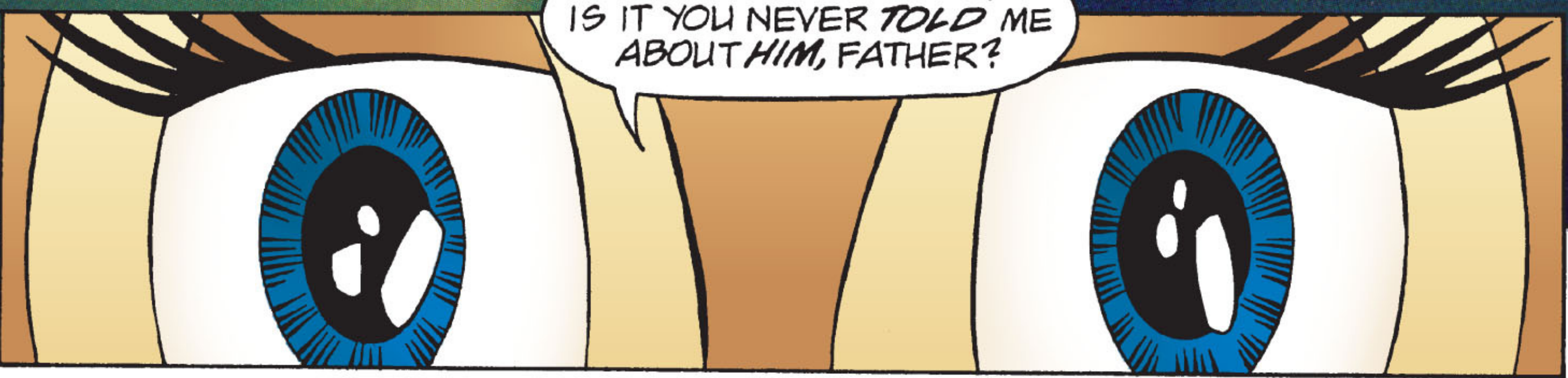


--BUT THE
WORLD CAN BE A
DARK AND
COLD PLACE AT
TIMES!

IT IS AT
THOSE TIMES THAT
A **MONARCH** IS
CALLED UPON TO
MAKE THE **TOUGH**
AND **RUTHLESS**
CHOICES!

I HAD
HOPED I COULD
SPARE YOU AND
YOUR BROTHER
THIS!

UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF
YOU **MUST** TAKE MY PLACE
SOME DAY, JUST AS I WAS
CALLED UPON TO REPLACE
MY FATHER!



MY **BROTHER!** WHY
IS IT YOU NEVER **TOLD** ME
ABOUT **HIM**, FATHER?



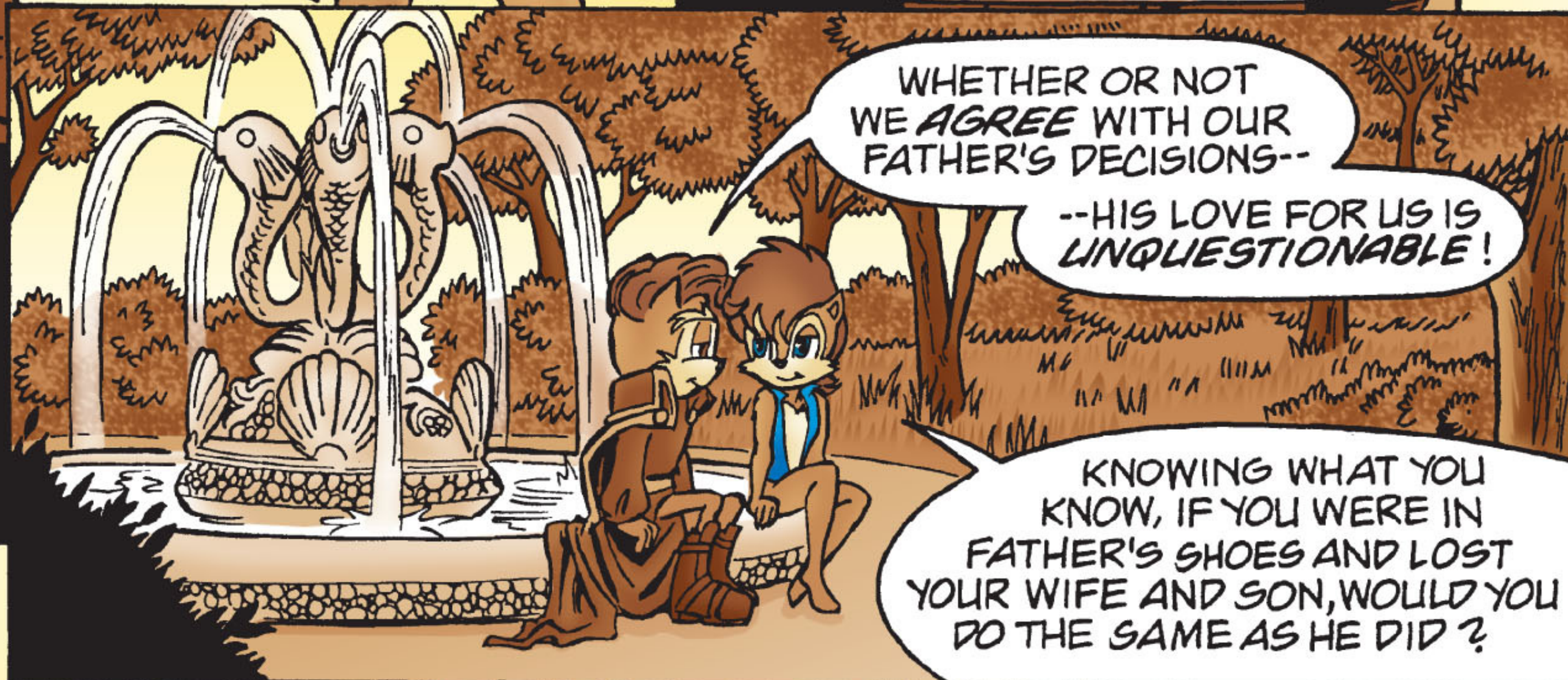
BECAUSE HE *COULDN'T*, SALLY!

HE
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT BECAME
OF MOTHER
AND I--

--SO HE
BELIEVED
ANYTHING HE
SAID WOULD
ONLY *HURT*
YOU!
SINCE
YOU WERE THE
ONLY
FAMILY HE HAD
LEFT--



--*PROTECTING* YOU
FROM EVERYTHING WAS ALWAYS
HIS *FIRST PRIORITY*!



WHETHER OR NOT
WE *AGREE* WITH OUR
FATHER'S DECISIONS--

--HIS LOVE FOR US IS
UNQUESTIONABLE!

KNOWING WHAT YOU
KNOW, IF YOU WERE IN
FATHER'S SHOES AND LOST
YOUR WIFE AND SON, WOULD YOU
DO THE SAME AS HE DID?



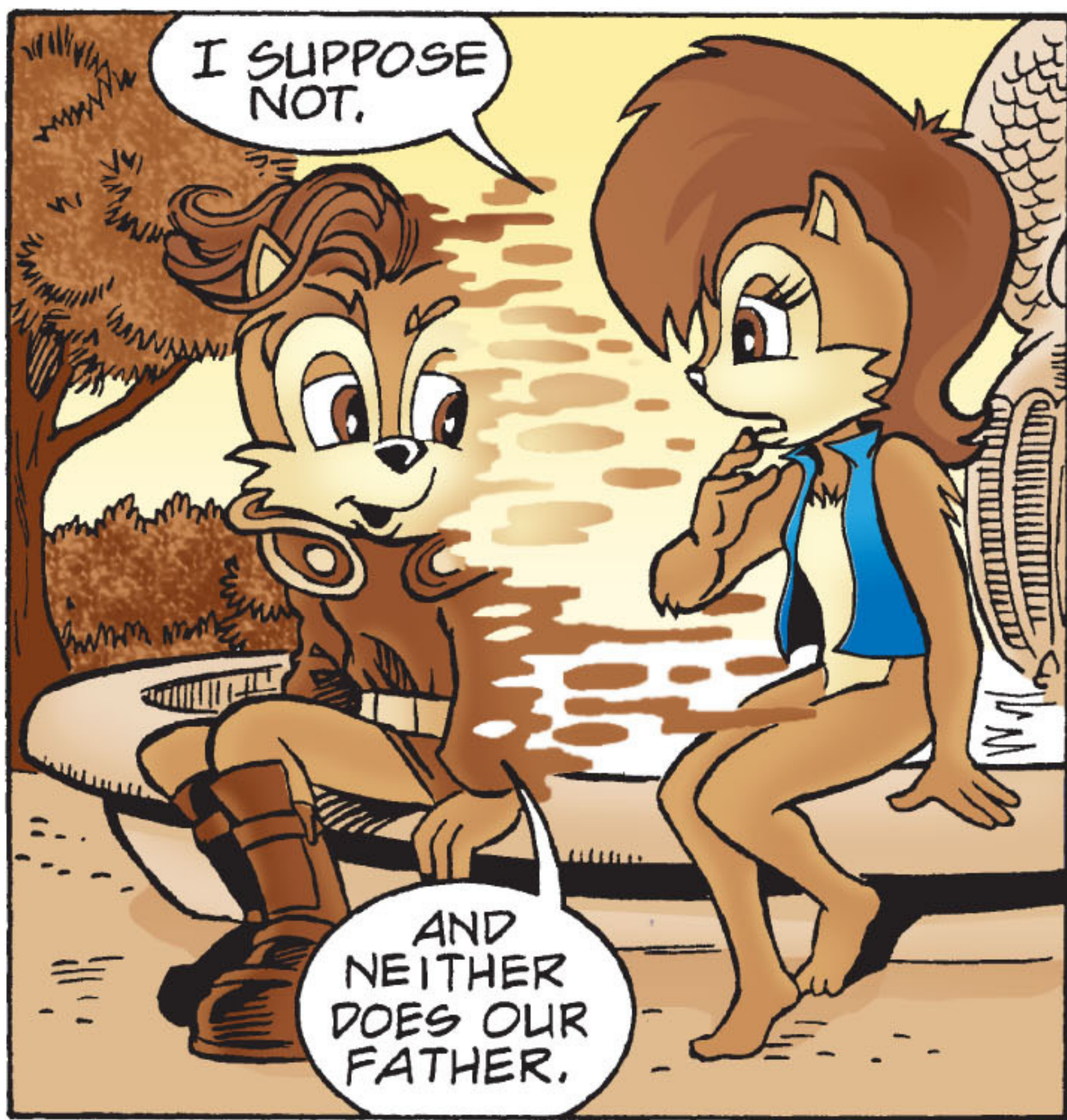
LIFE IS
NOT A *MATH*
EQUATION,
SALLY!

GIVE SEVEN
INDIVIDUALS THE
SAME SITUATION,
AND YOU'LL GET
SEVEN DIFFERENT
RESPONSES!

THE *BEST*
ONES, THOUGH,
COME FROM THE
HEART!

WHEN YOU
HAVE TO MAKE
A *DIFFICULT*
DECISION, DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU CARE ANY
LESS?





I SUPPOSE NOT.

AND NEITHER DOES OUR FATHER.



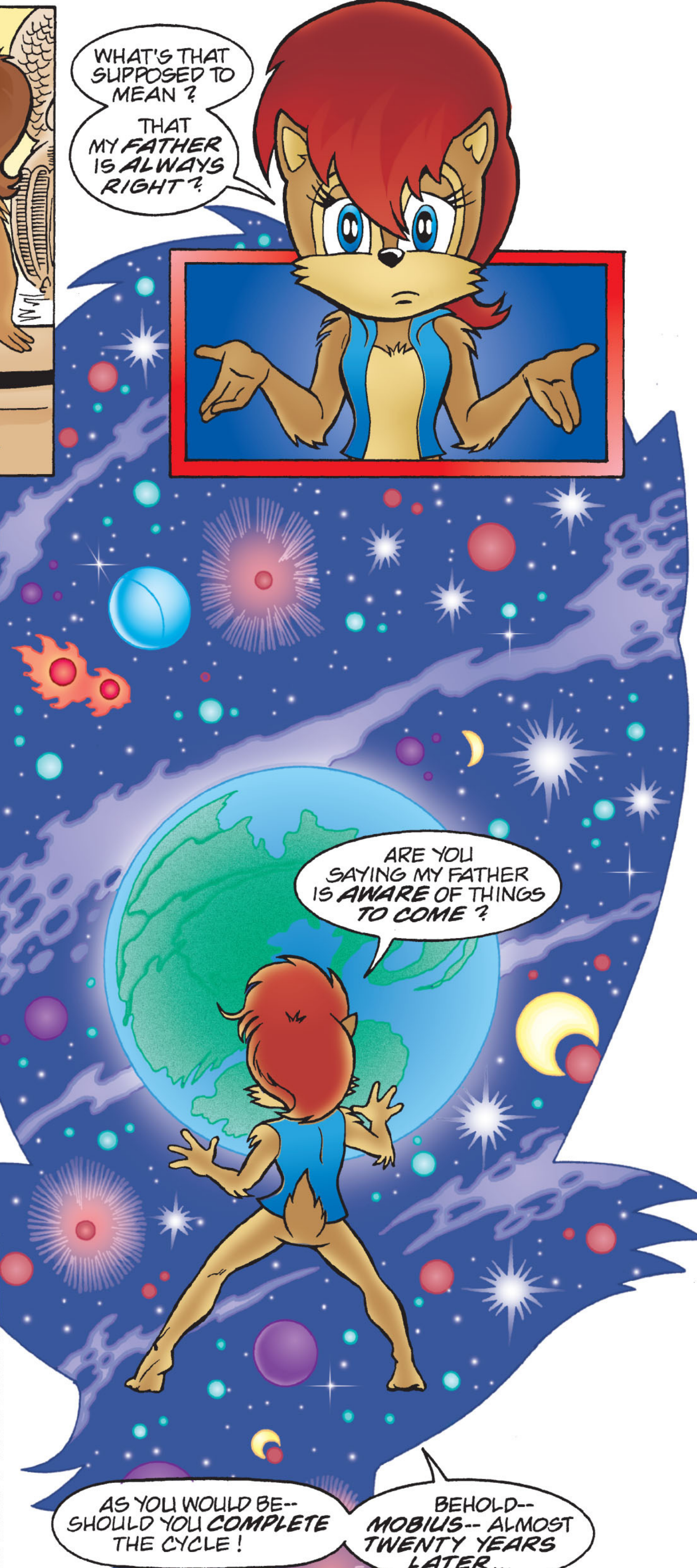
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
THAT MY FATHER IS ALWAYS RIGHT?



YOUR FATHER IS *ONE* WITH THE *SOURCE*, FULLY AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF EACH ACTION HE TAKES!

≡GASP≡
THAT'S--THAT'S ME AS THE QUEEN!

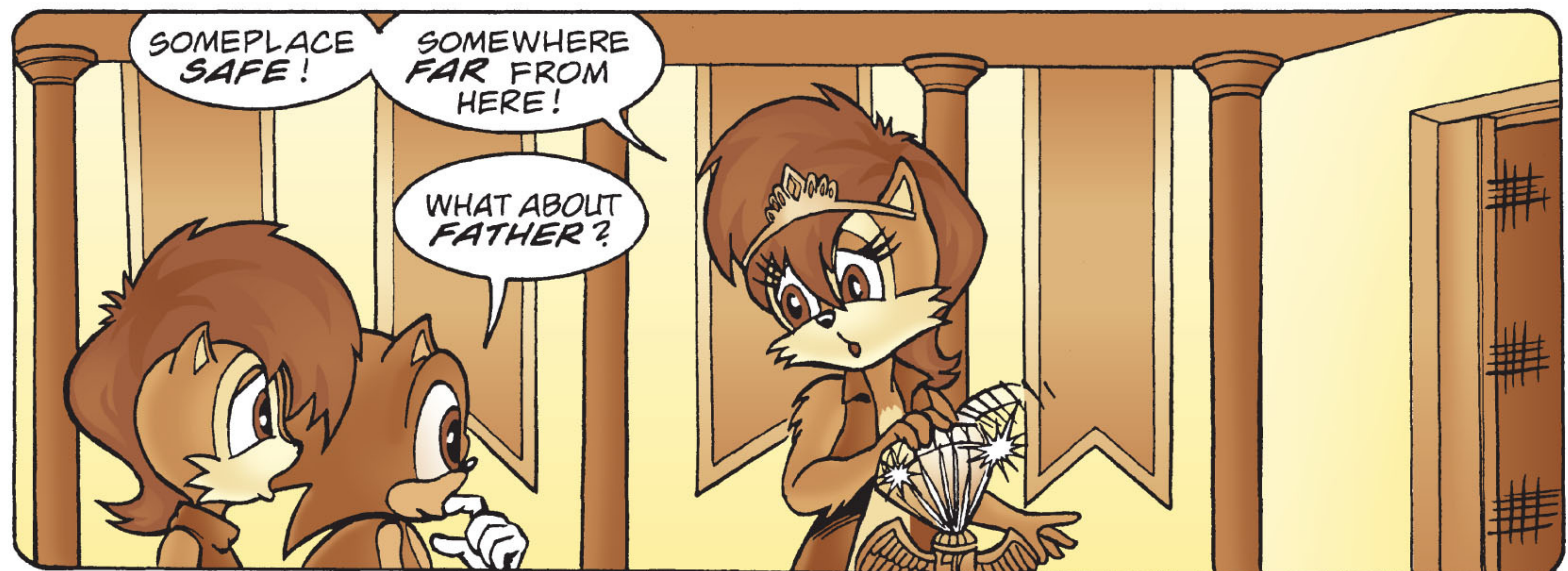
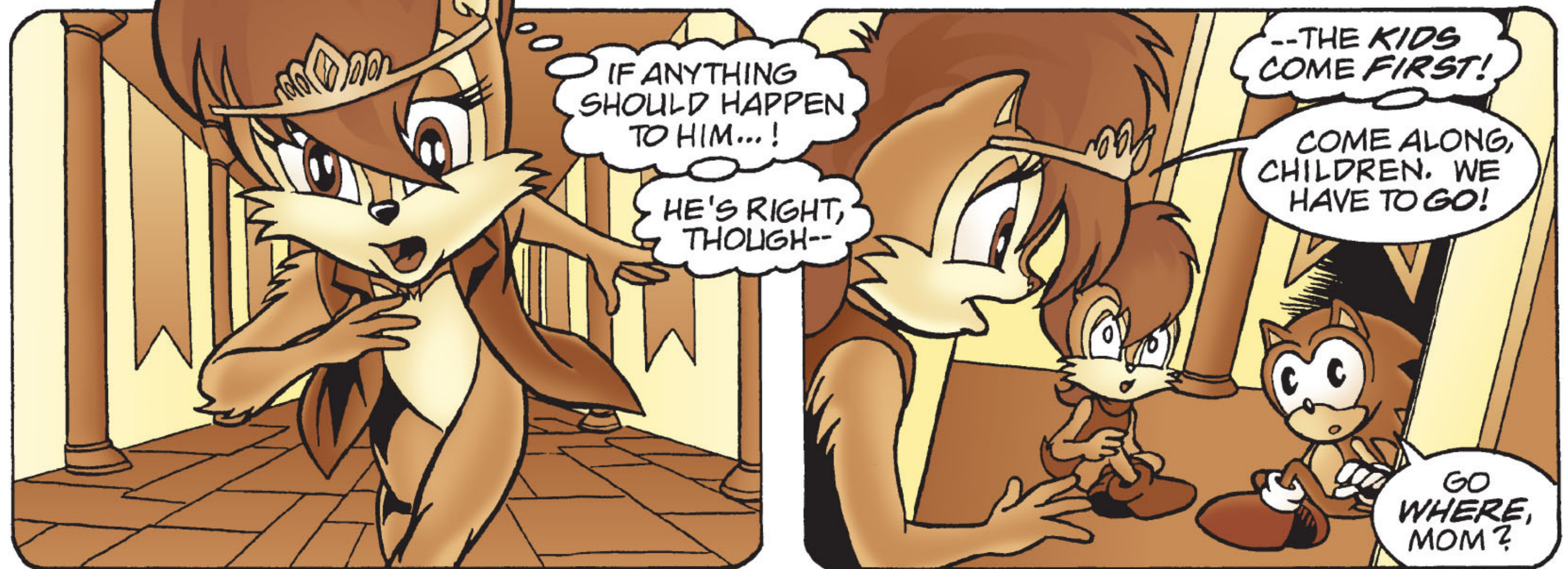
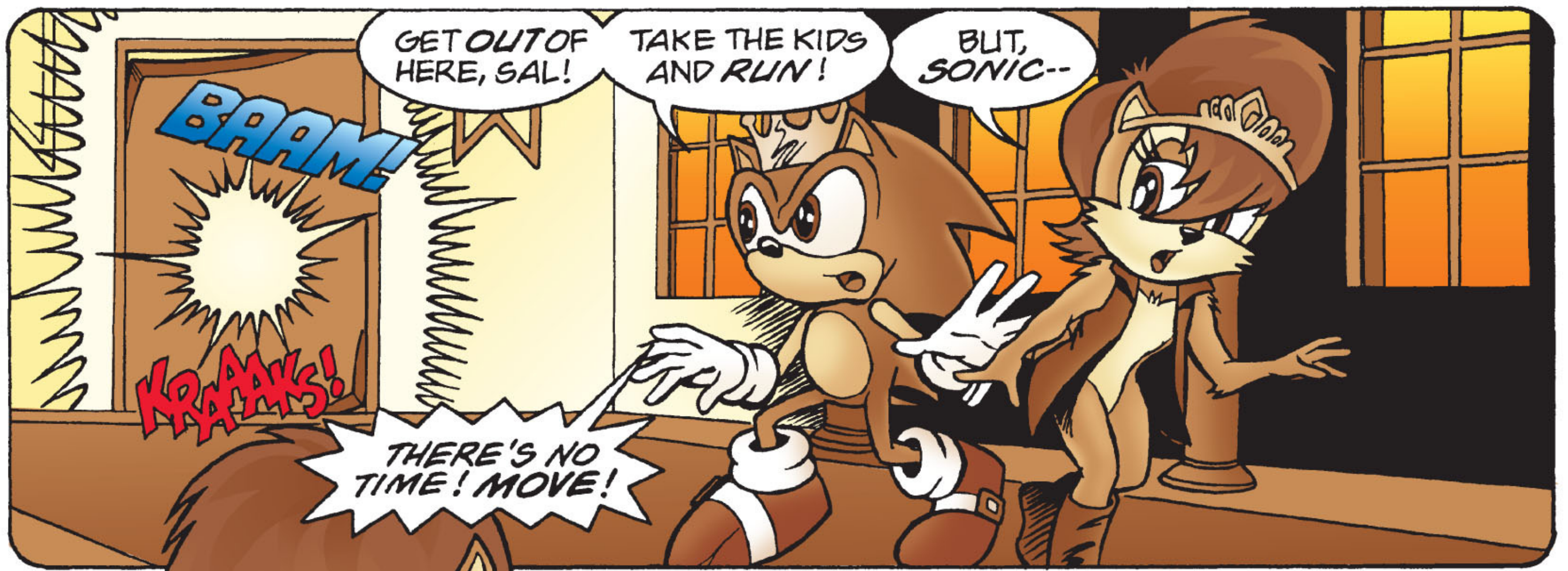
NOTHING THAT ONE WHO IS BOUND WITH THE *SOURCE* DOES IS EVER DONE LIGHTLY!

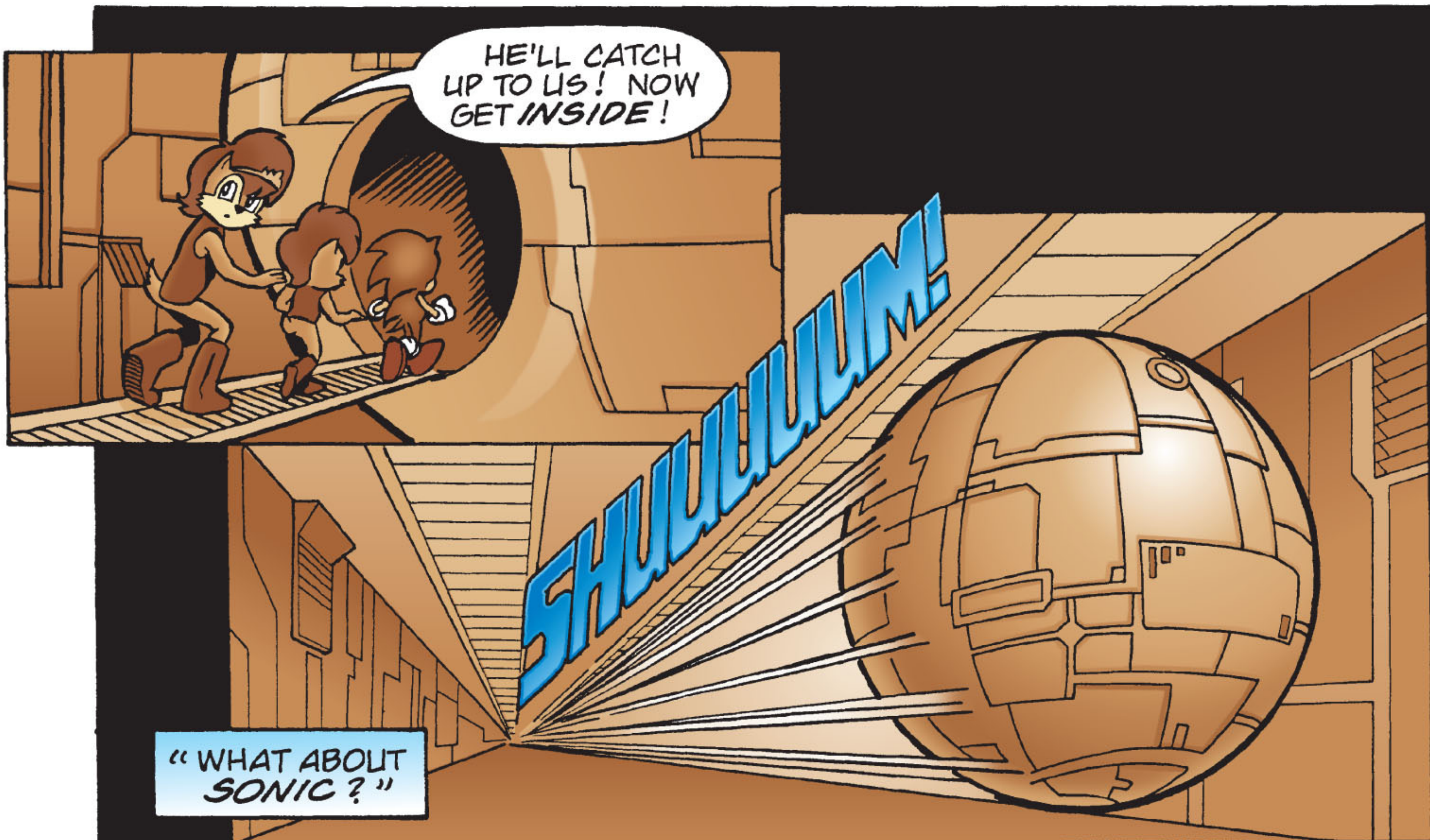


ARE YOU SAYING MY FATHER IS *AWARE* OF THINGS TO COME?

AS YOU WOULD BE-- SHOULD YOU *COMPLETE* THE CYCLE!

BEHOLD-- *MOBIUS*-- ALMOST TWENTY YEARS LATER...





HE'LL CATCH
UP TO US! NOW
GET *INSIDE*!

"WHAT ABOUT
SONIC?"



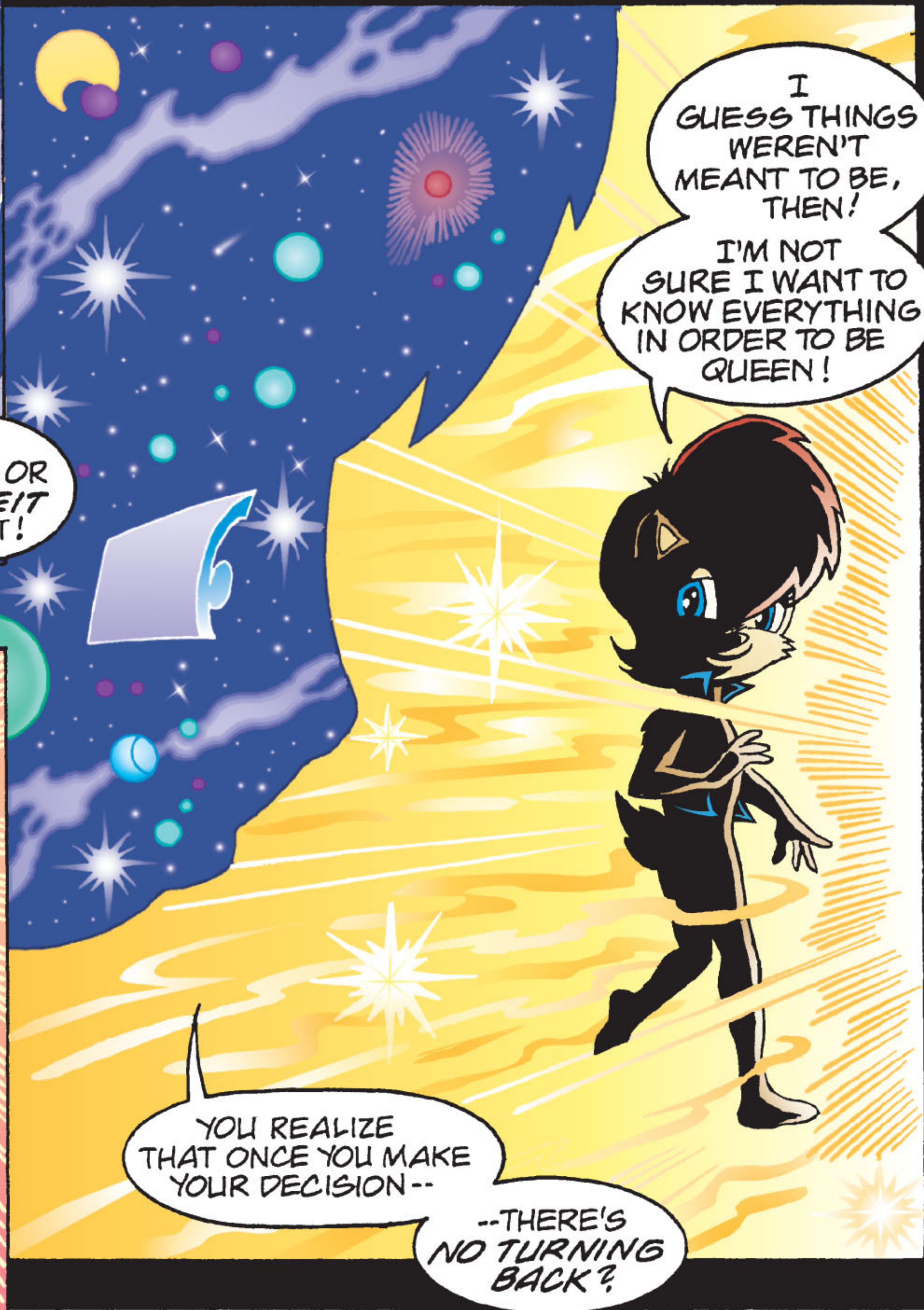
YOU HAVEN'T
COMPLETED THE
CYCLE, CHILD!

YOU EITHER
SEE IT THROUGH OR
FOREVER FORFEIT
YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!



YOU MEAN
IT'S *ALL* OR
NOTHING?

THAT IS
CORRECT.

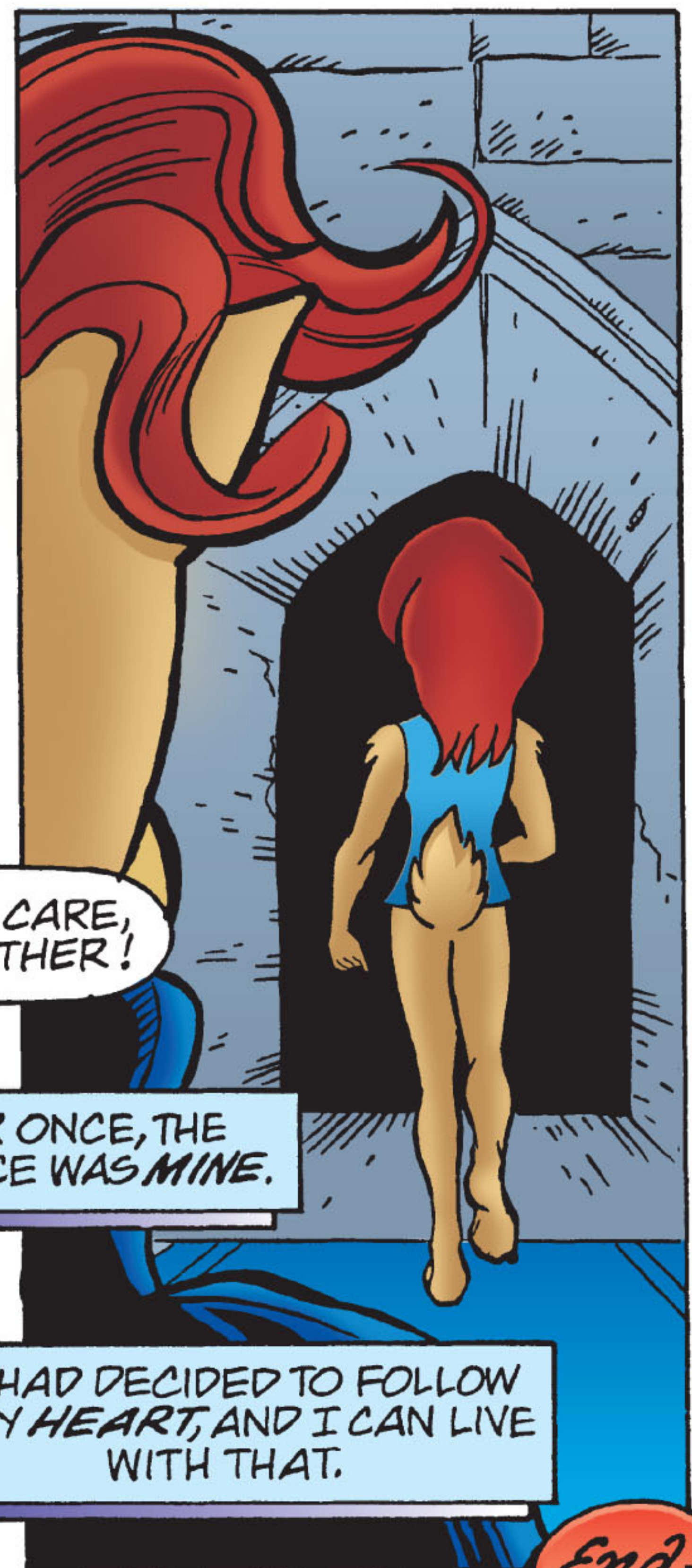
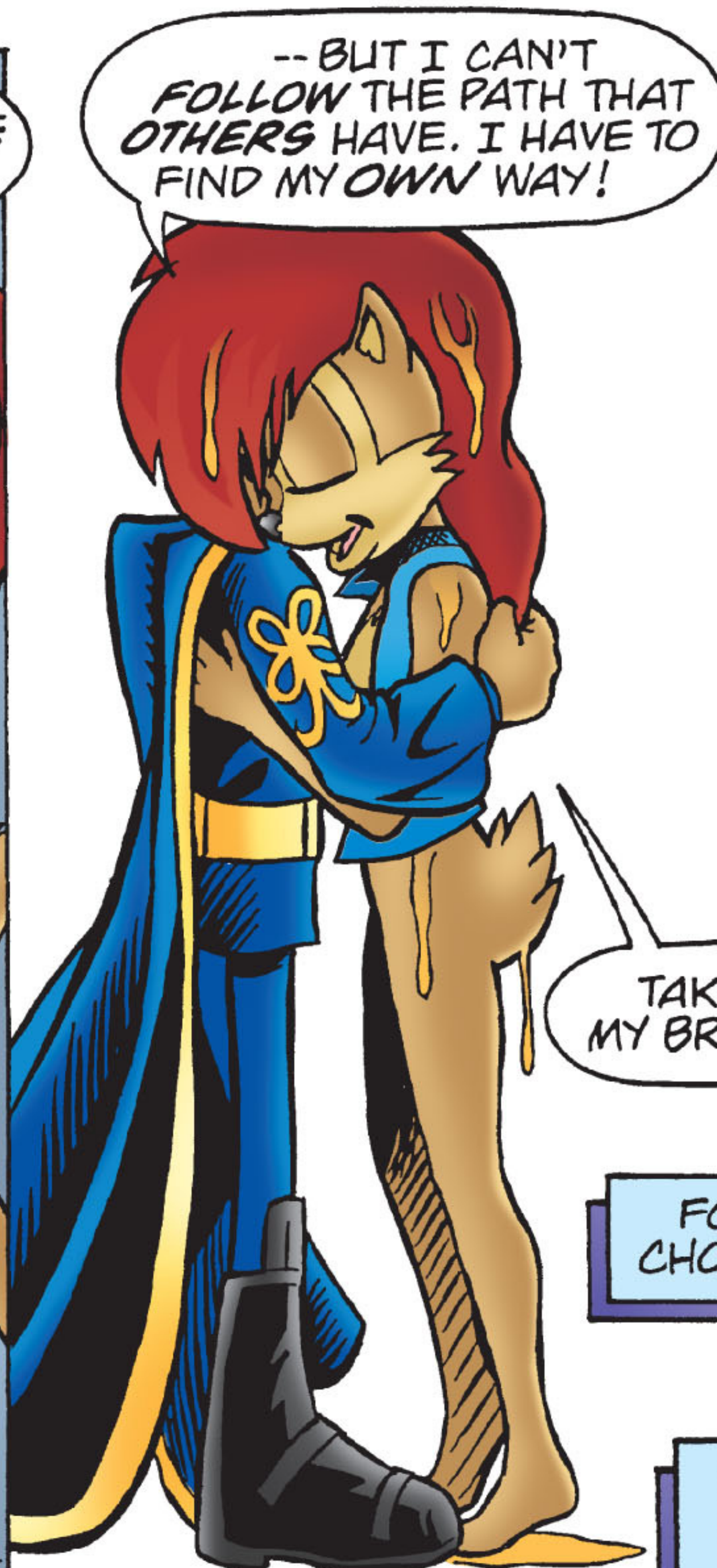
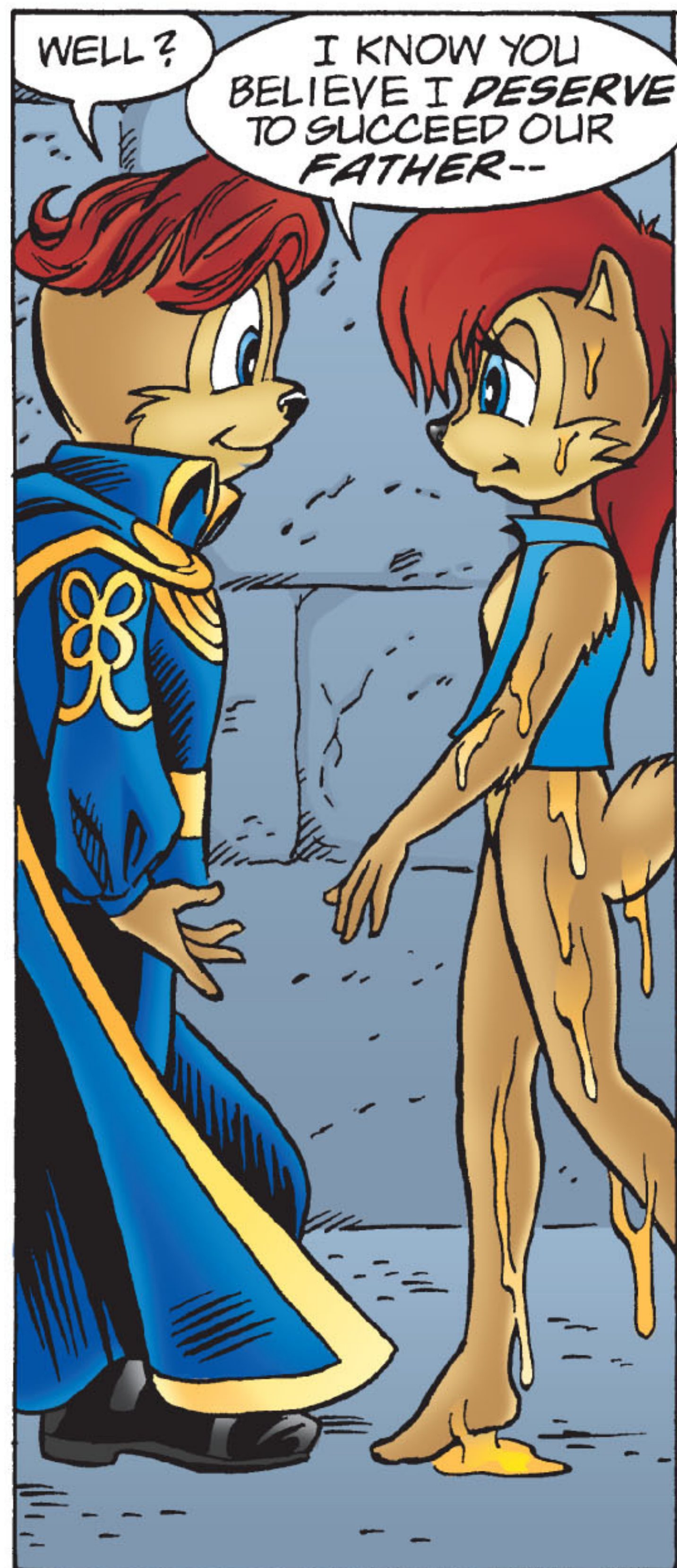
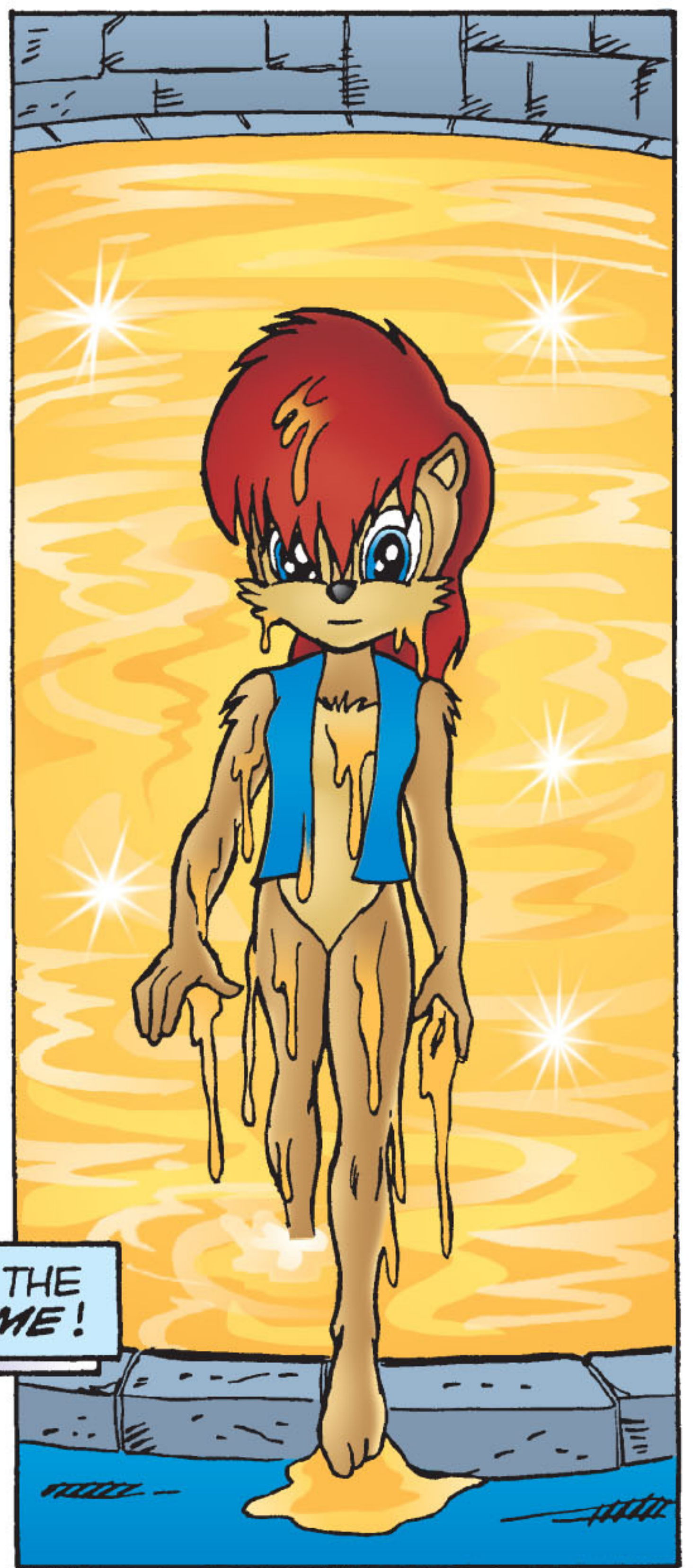
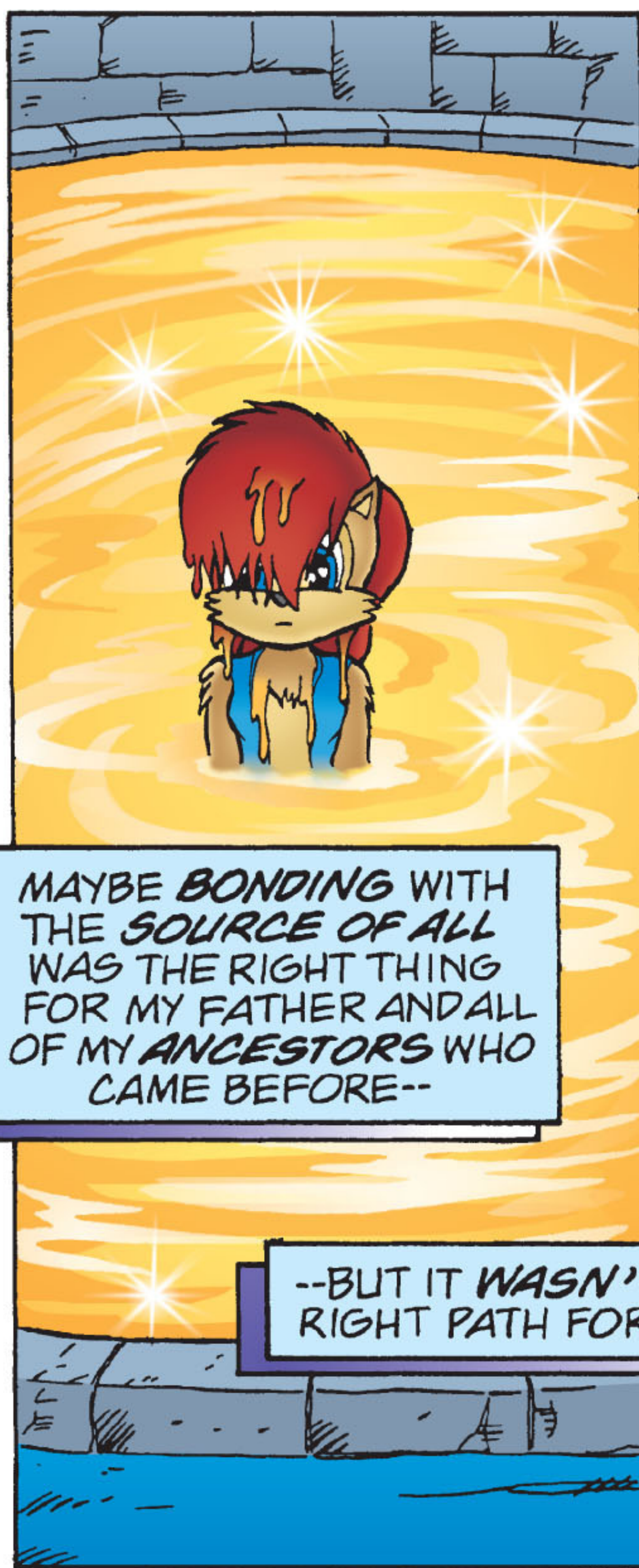
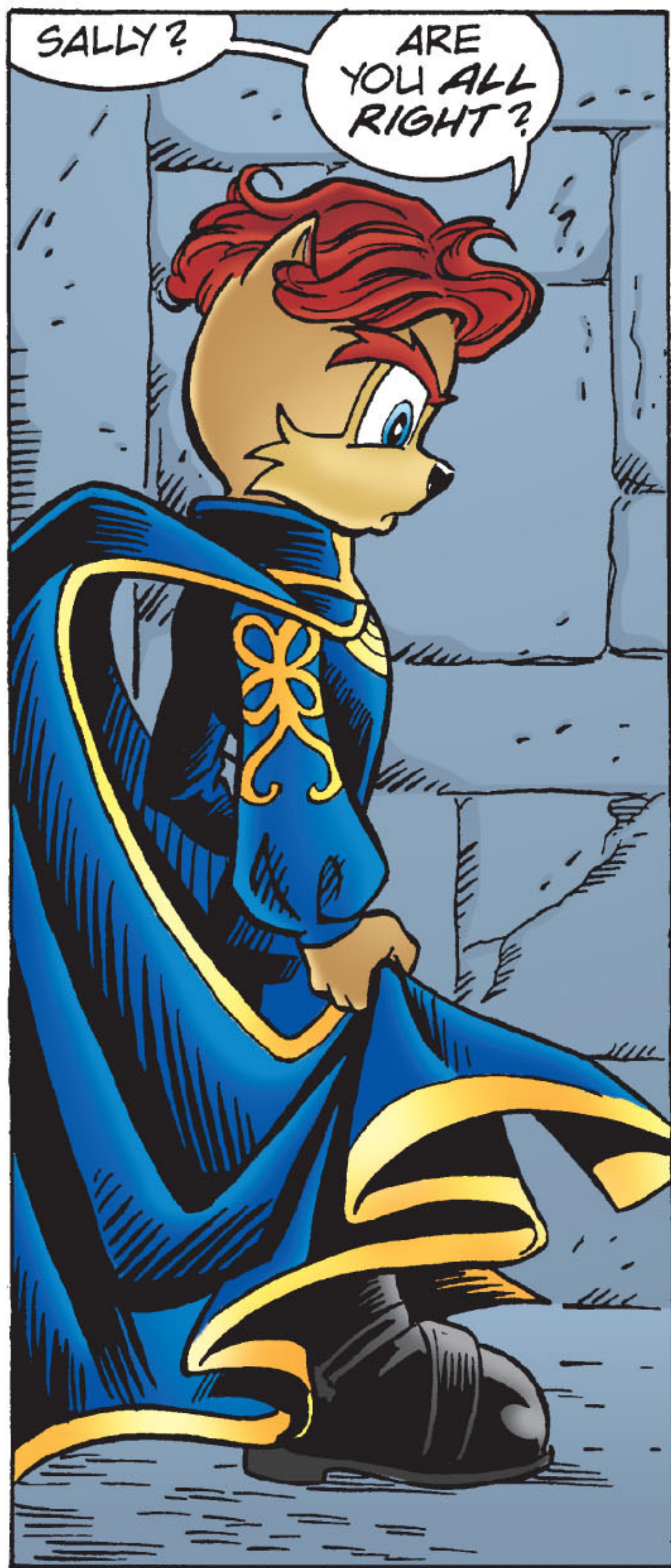


I
GUESS THINGS
WEREN'T
MEANT TO BE,
THEN!

I'M NOT
SURE I WANT TO
KNOW EVERYTHING
IN ORDER TO BE
QUEEN!

YOU REALIZE
THAT ONCE YOU MAKE
YOUR DECISION--

--THERE'S
*NO TURNING
BACK?*





IT'S STILL
NOT TOO LATE,
HERSH!

YOU CAN TAKE
POINT WHILE I GO
CRAWLING AROUND
THE *DRAGON'S*
DEN INSTEAD!

I *CAN* DO THIS,
COMMANDER!

GETTING THROUGH
THE *DUCTWORK* WILL
BE A LOT *SMOOTHER*
FOR ME THAN YOU!

BESIDES, YOU
WON'T BE ABLE TO
SUPERVISE US ON
EVERY MISSION!

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO ORDER US
TO GO...

HERSHEY™ **SOLO**



I CAN SEE IT'S *USELESS* TO ARGUE WITH YOU!

JUST MAKE SURE YOU *RETURN* IN *ONE PIECE*!

I HAVE *NINE* LIVES, COMMANDER!

WHAT COULD GO SO *WRONG*?

EVERYTHING --



" -- SO HERE'S HOPING *NOTHING* DOES!"

WELL, HERE GOES, GIRL --



IT'S *SHOW TIME*!

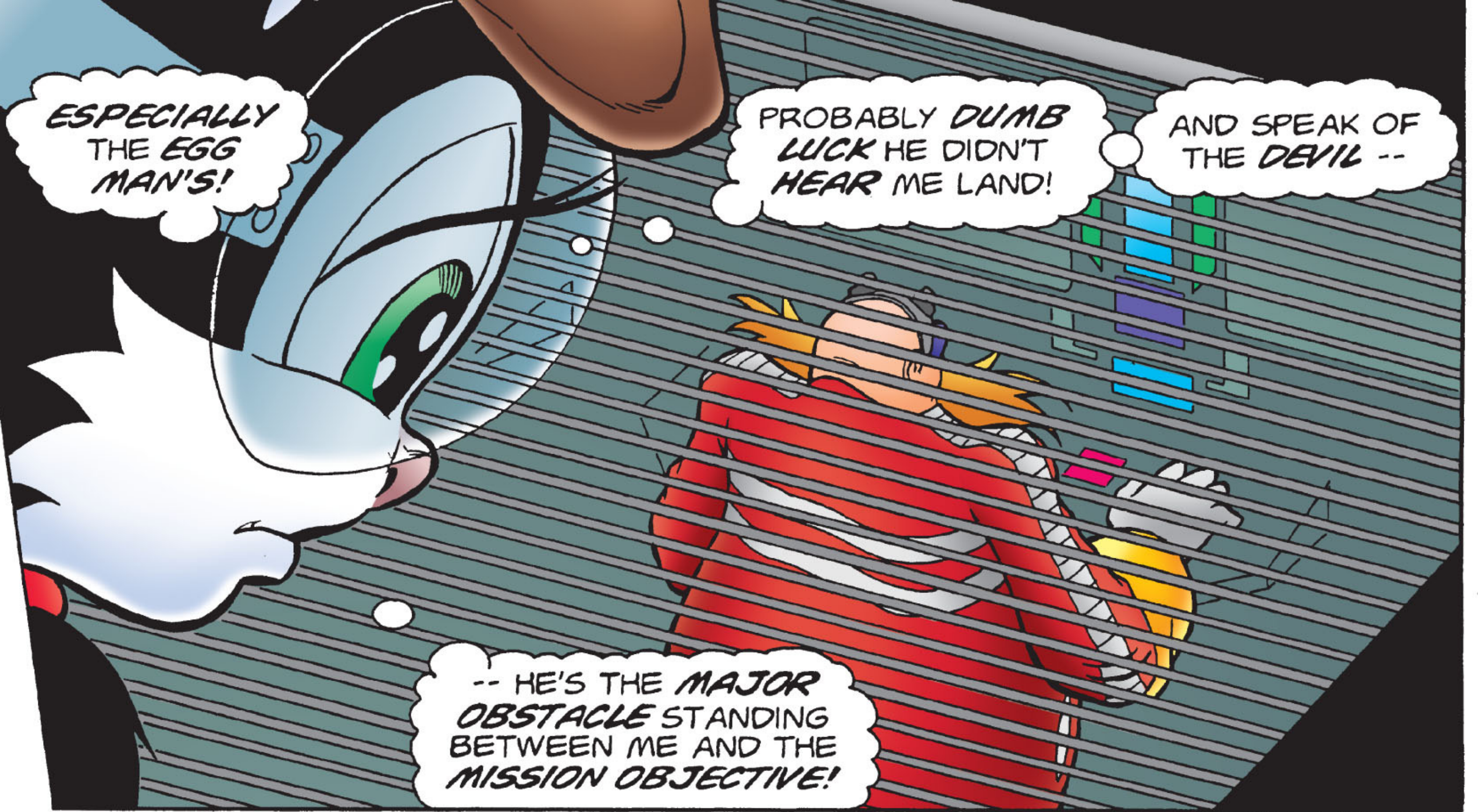


CAREFUL, *HERSH*!



WHUMF!

YOU DON'T WANT TO DRAW *ATTENTION* AFTER MAKING IT SO FAR!



ESPECIALLY
THE EGG
MAN'S!

PROBABLY *DUMB*
LUCK HE DIDN'T
HEAR ME LAND!

AND SPEAK OF
THE *DEVIL* --

-- HE'S THE *MAJOR*
OBSTACLE STANDING
BETWEEN ME AND THE
MISSION OBJECTIVE!



IT'S GOOD TO SEE
YOU AGAIN, *GENERAL*
D'COULETTE!

I TRUST
EVERYTHING IS
BACK TO
STATUS QUO?

NOT
QUITE,
SIR!

I'LL HAVE
REINFORCEMENTS
DISPATCHED
IMMEDIATELY!

A CERTAIN
RADICAL IS
DOING HIS BEST
TO *FRUSTRATE*
US!

COMMANDER, I
COULD REALLY
GO FOR A
SUCKER RIGHT
ABOUT *NOW*!

I NEED A
DISTRACTION TO
LURE HIM *AWAY*
FROM THERE!

READ YOU
LOUD AND
CLEAR,
HERSH!

GET
READY!

Ka-BOOM!

SO THE
RODENTS ARE
GETTING **FRISKY**,
ARE THEY?

KLIK!

**DELTA TWO
AND NINE!**

ROGER!

WILCO!

TAKE A
SQUADRON OF
SHADOWBOTS AND
GO PUT OUT THE
FIRE!

AND SHOULD
YOU **ENCOUNTER**
THAT WRETCHED
HEDGEHOG
SONIC --

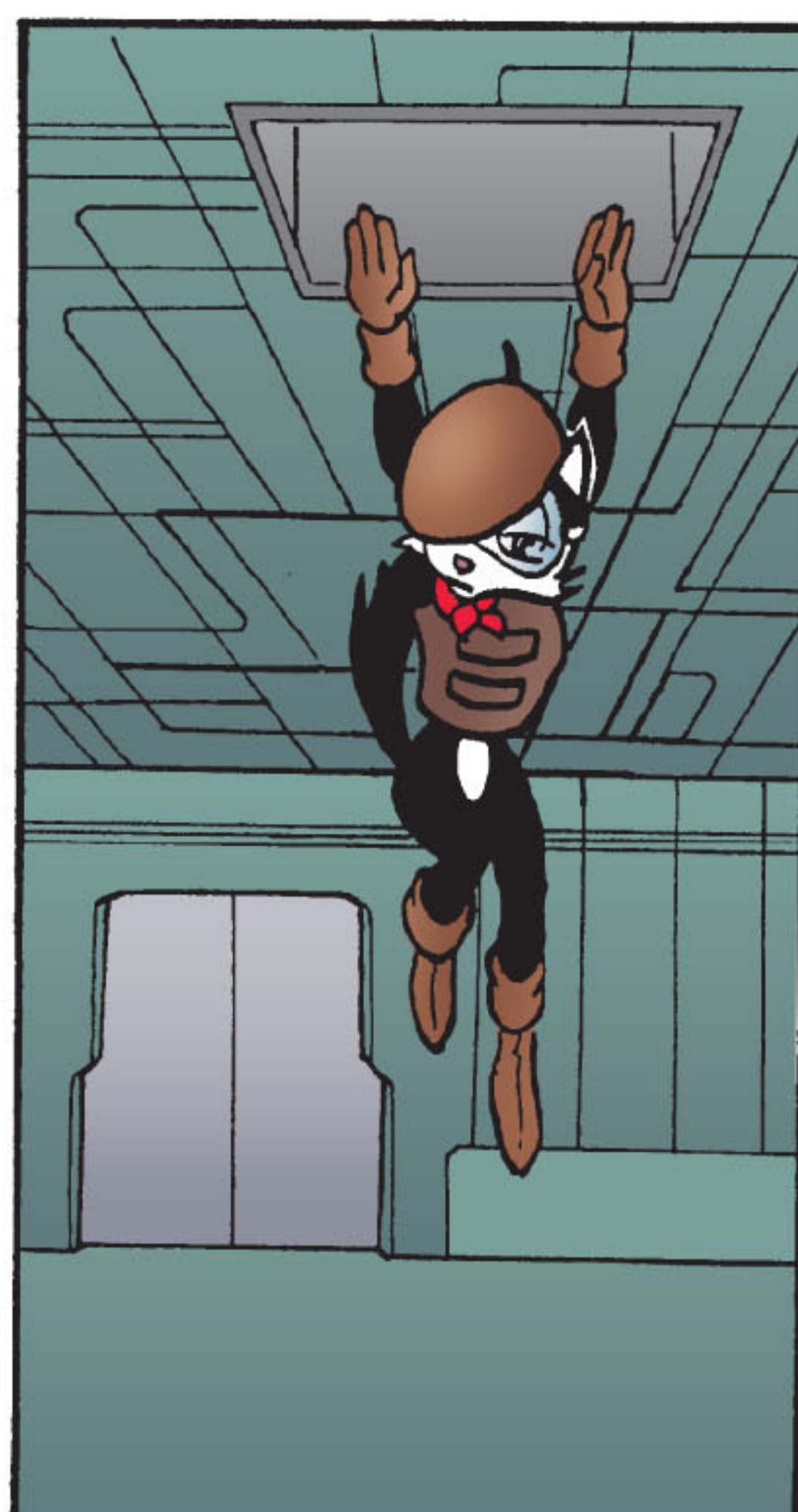
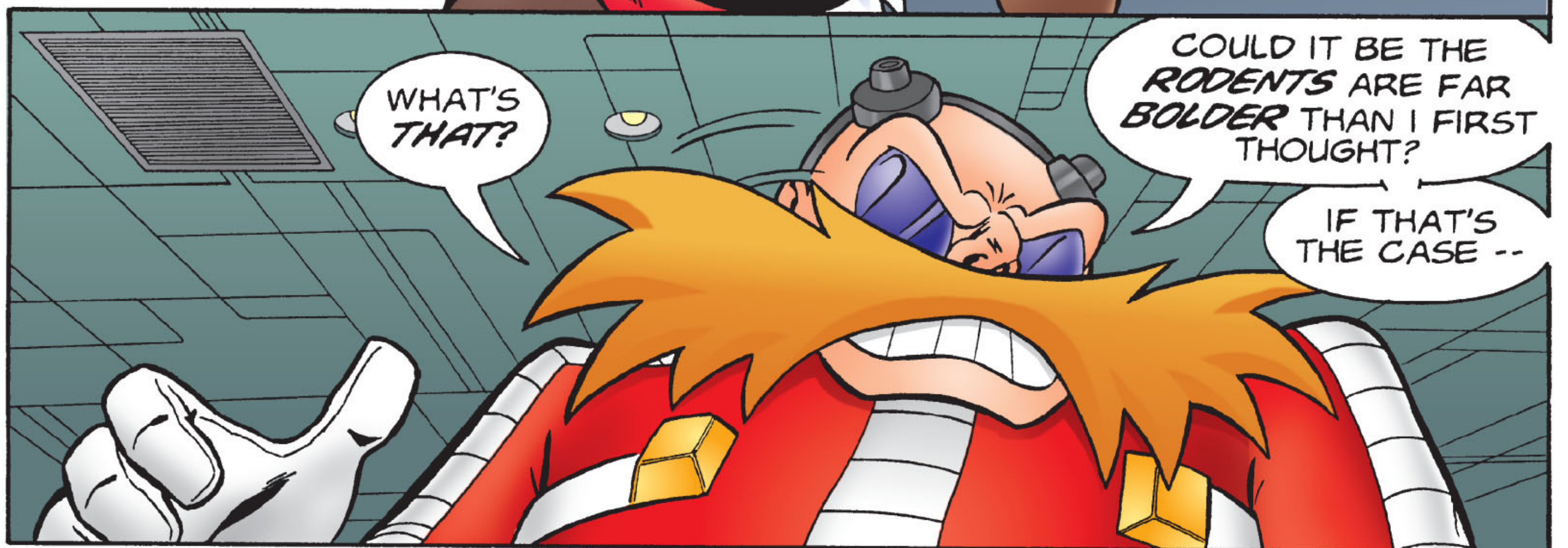
-- BRING
HIM TO
ME!

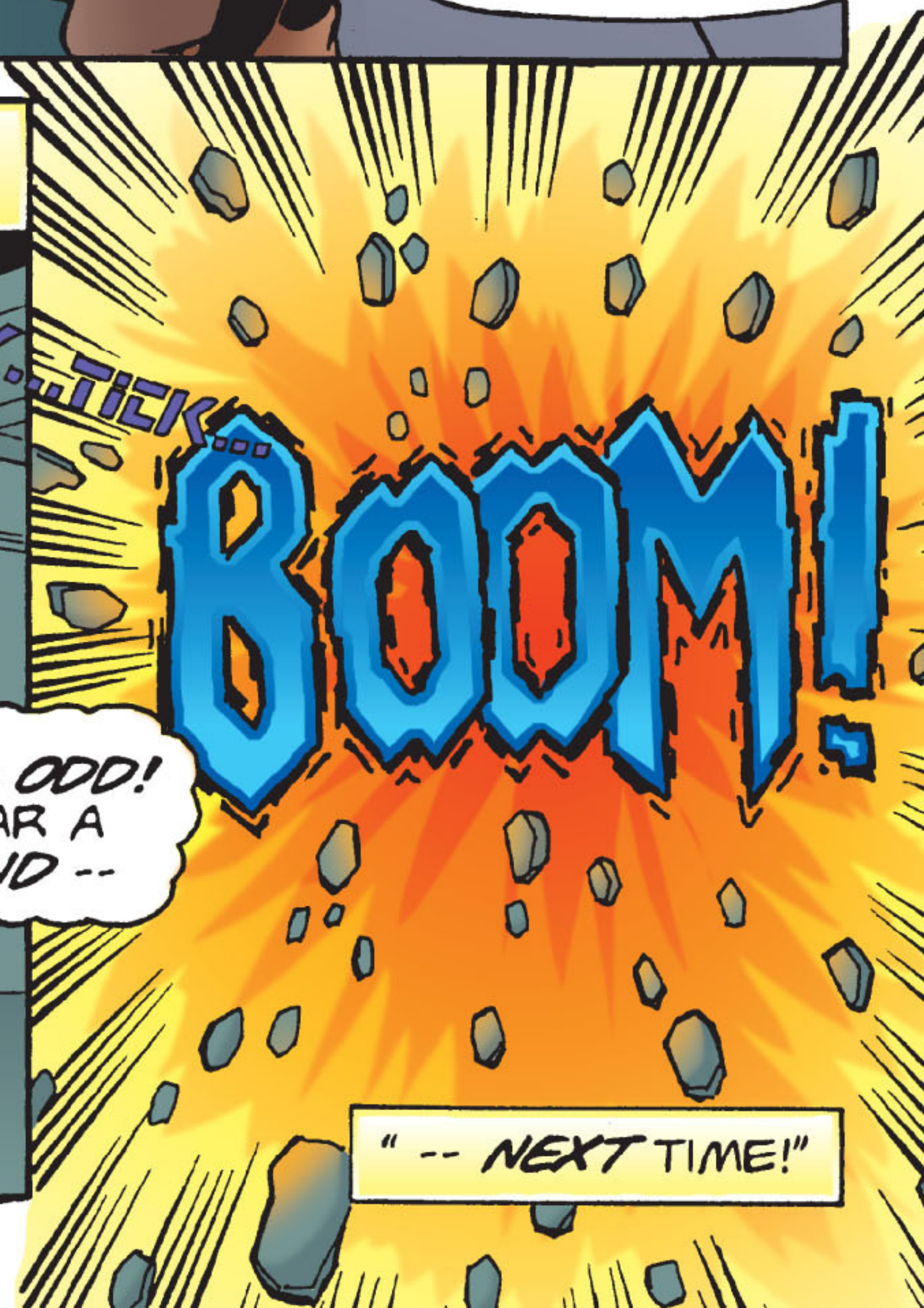
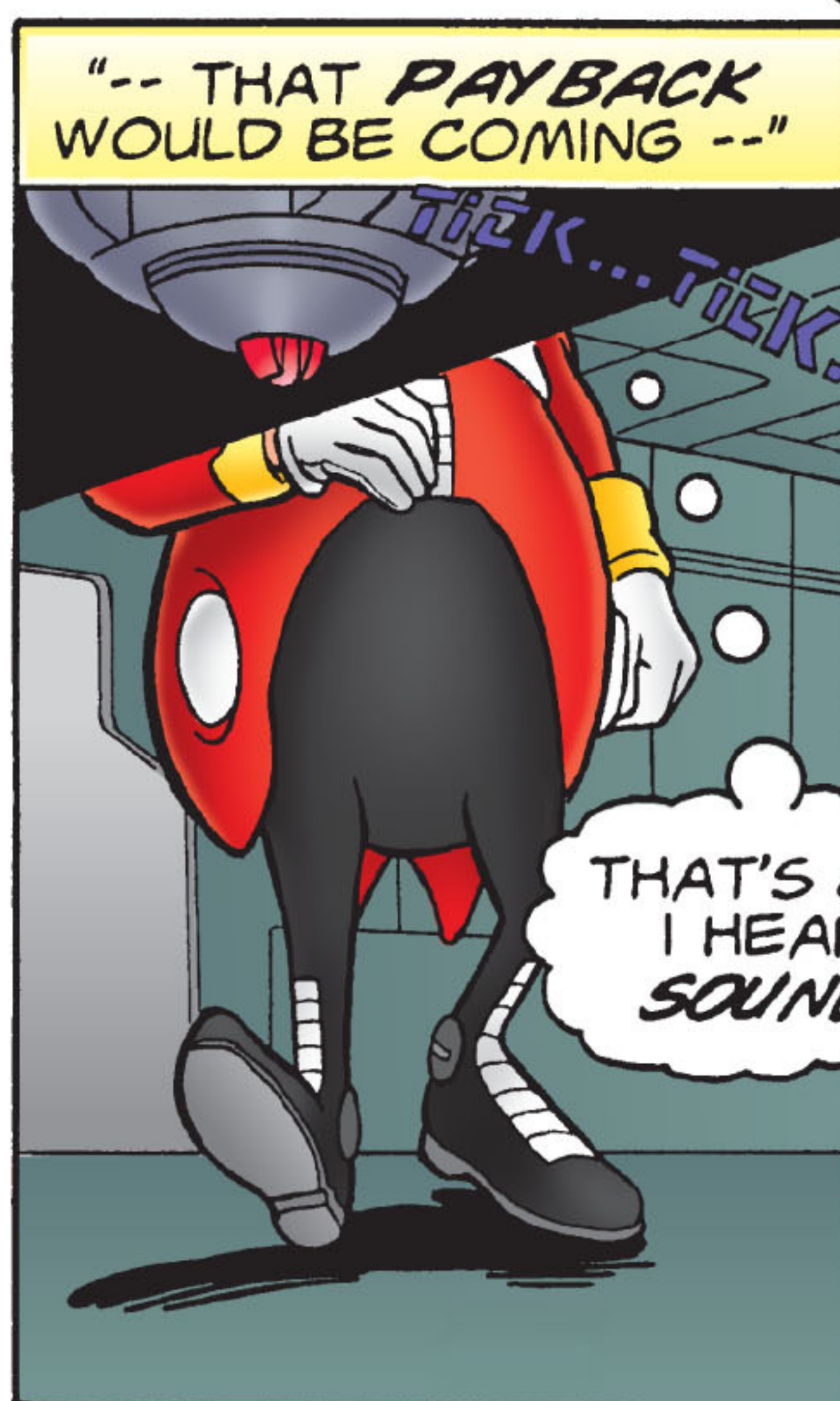
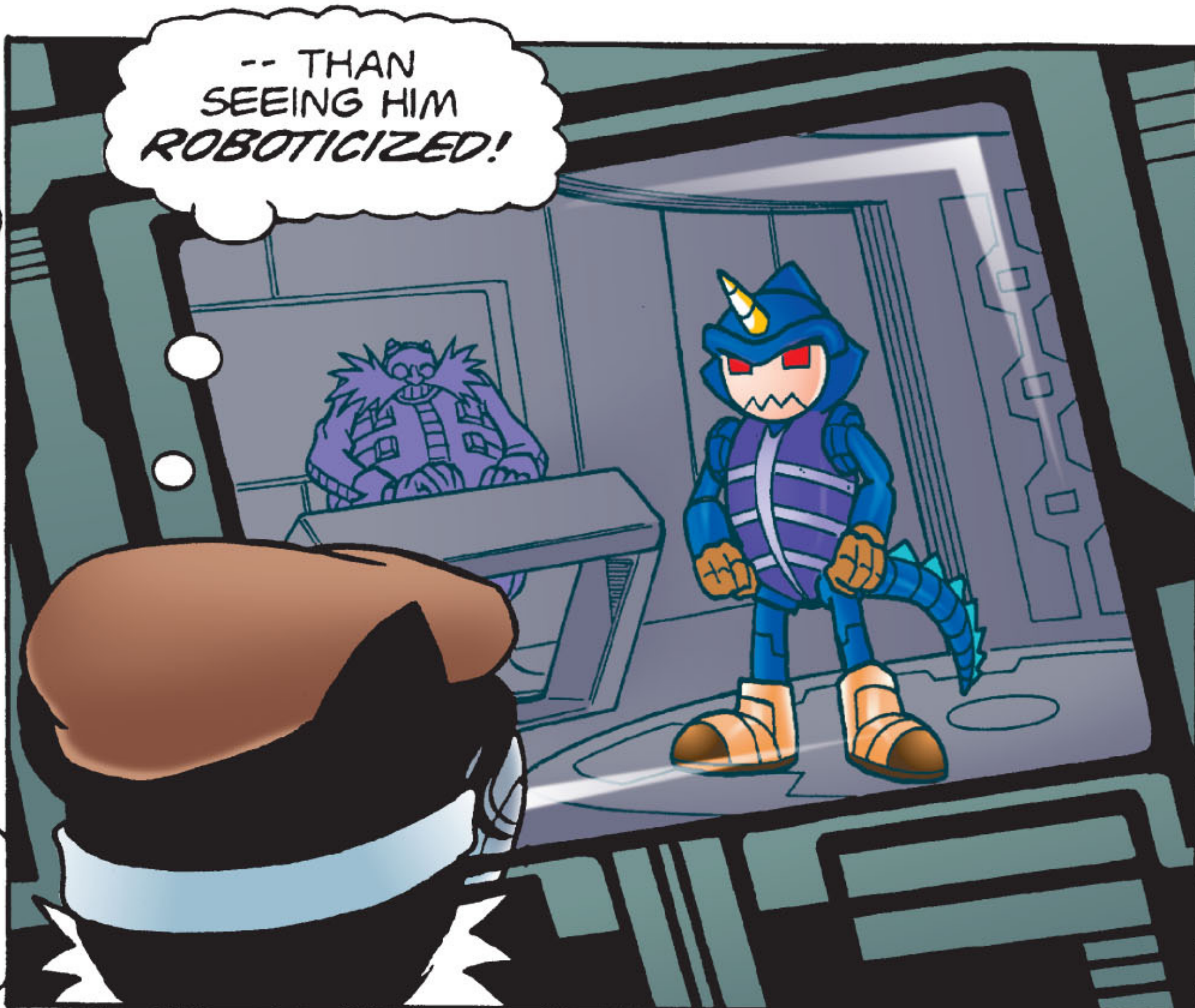
THAT SURE
DID THE TRICK
-- **NOT!**

SO
WHAT
NOW?

WHAT IF THE
THREAT WERE
MORE --
LOCAL?

HMMM...





LUPE AND THE WOLF PACK IN FAMILY

SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WESTERN FLATS...

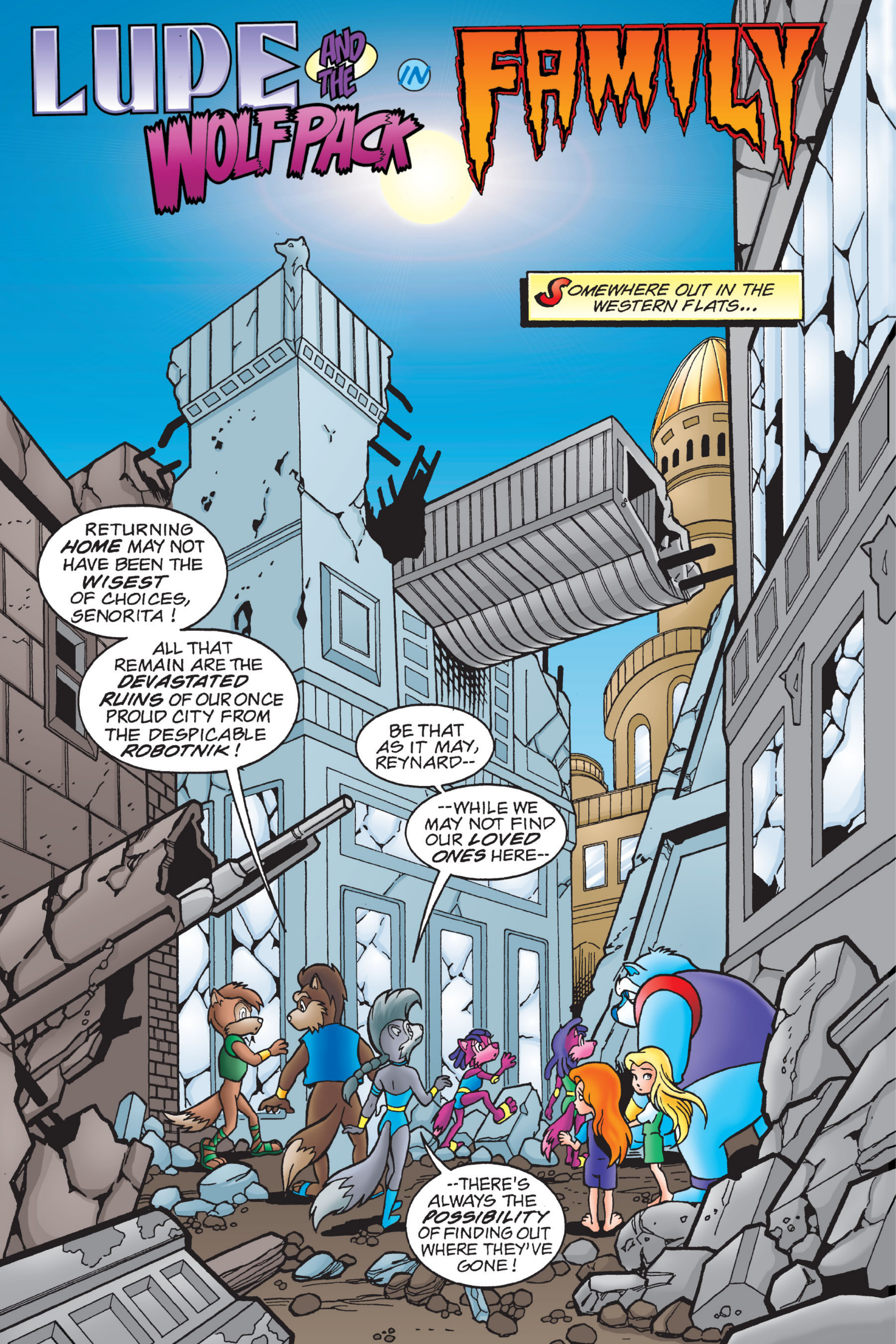
RETURNING HOME MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE WISEST OF CHOICES, SENORITA!

ALL THAT REMAIN ARE THE DEVASTATED RUINS OF OUR ONCE PROUD CITY FROM THE DESPICABLE ROBOTNIK!

BE THAT AS IT MAY, REYNARD--

--WHILE WE MAY NOT FIND OUR LOVED ONES HERE--

--THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING OUT WHERE THEY'VE GONE!





AS MUCH AS I WANT TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE--

--I CAN'T SEE A THING THAT GIVES ME HOPE!

DIABLO MAY HAVE A POINT, LUPE--



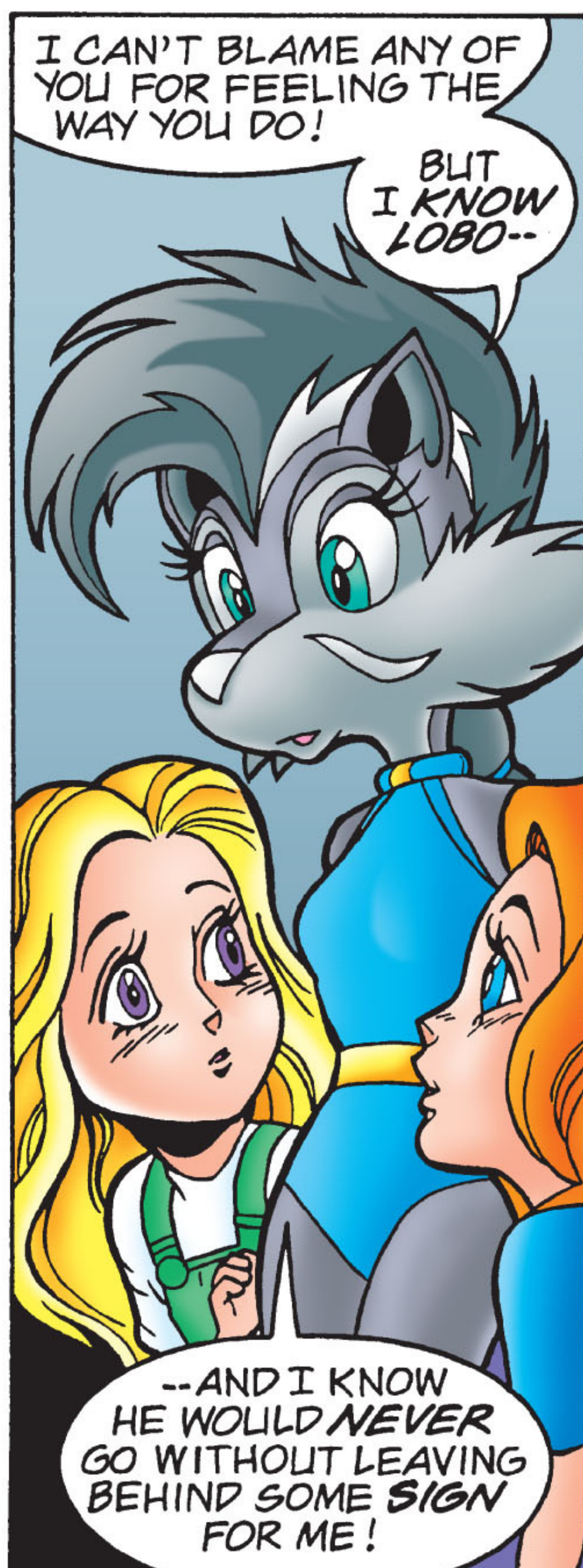
-- THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING LEFT FOR US TO FIND!

DON'T EVEN THINK IT, CANUS!



WE CAN PRESS ON WITH OUR SEARCH, SENORITA--

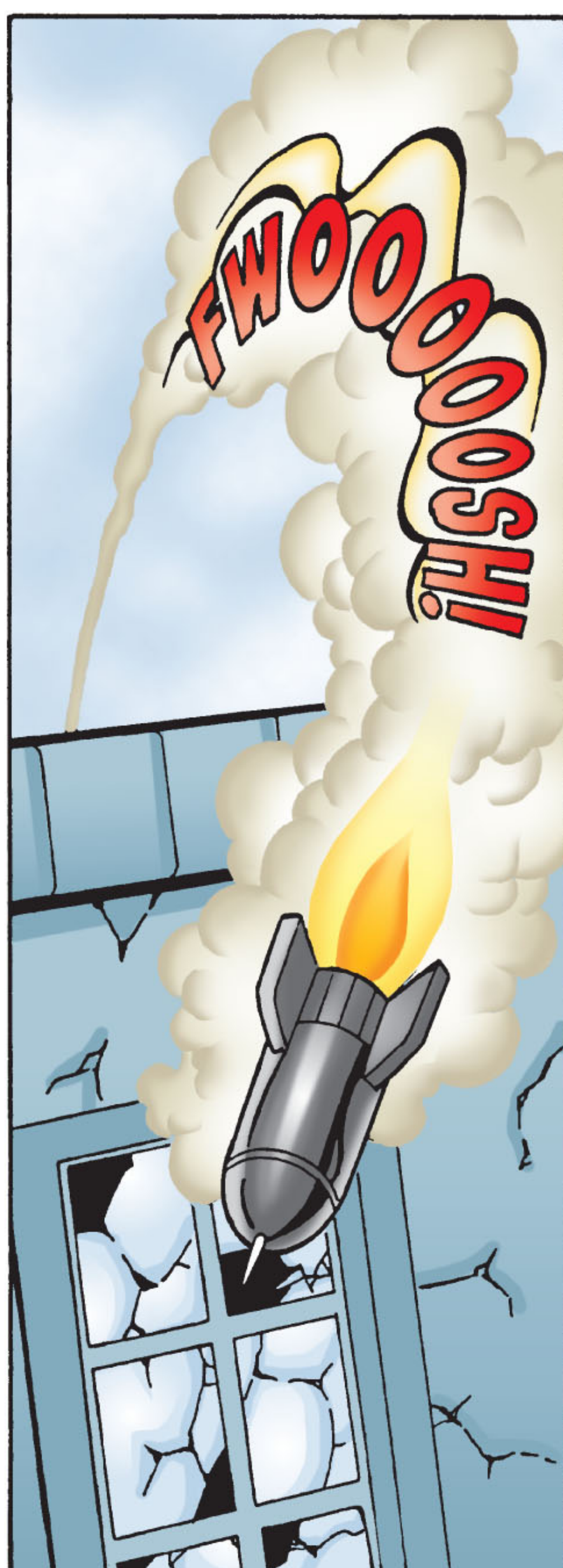
-- BUT I, TOO, AM BEGINNING TO FEEL IT WILL ALL BE IN VAIN!



I CAN'T BLAME ANY OF YOU FOR FEELING THE WAY YOU DO!

BUT I KNOW LOBO--

--AND I KNOW HE WOULD NEVER GO WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND SOME SIGN FOR ME!



FWOOOOSH!



BTUUM!

GAS!

EVERYBODY!! HOLD--YOUR--NOSE...



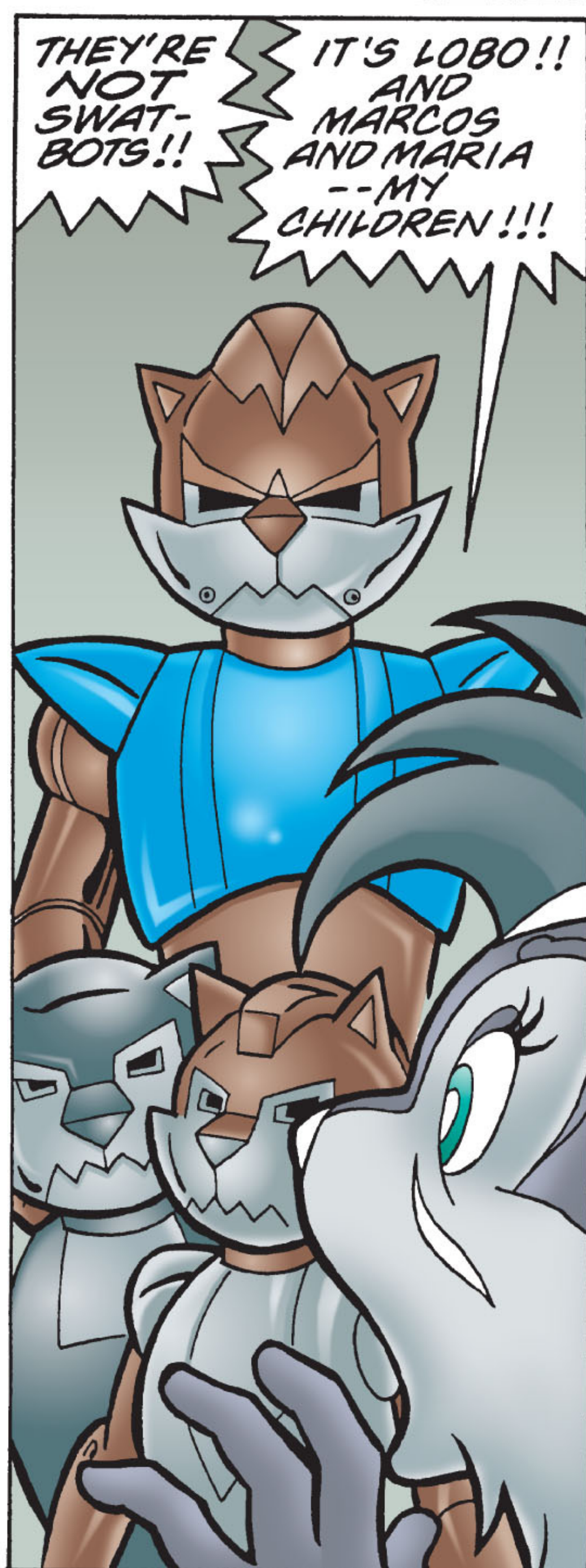
WHERE THE HECK ARE WE?

SOME PLACE WHERE THE PLUMBING IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF REPAIR WOULD BE MY FIRST GUESS!

WHILE I CAN APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR LEVITY AT A TIME LIKE THIS, I THINK WE'RE HAVING COMPANY!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE METAL CLANGING ALONG THE CONCRETE FLOOR!

A SWATBOT, PERHAPS?



THEY'RE NOT SWAT-BOTS!!

IT'S LOBO!! AND MARCOS AND MARIA -- MY CHILDREN!!!

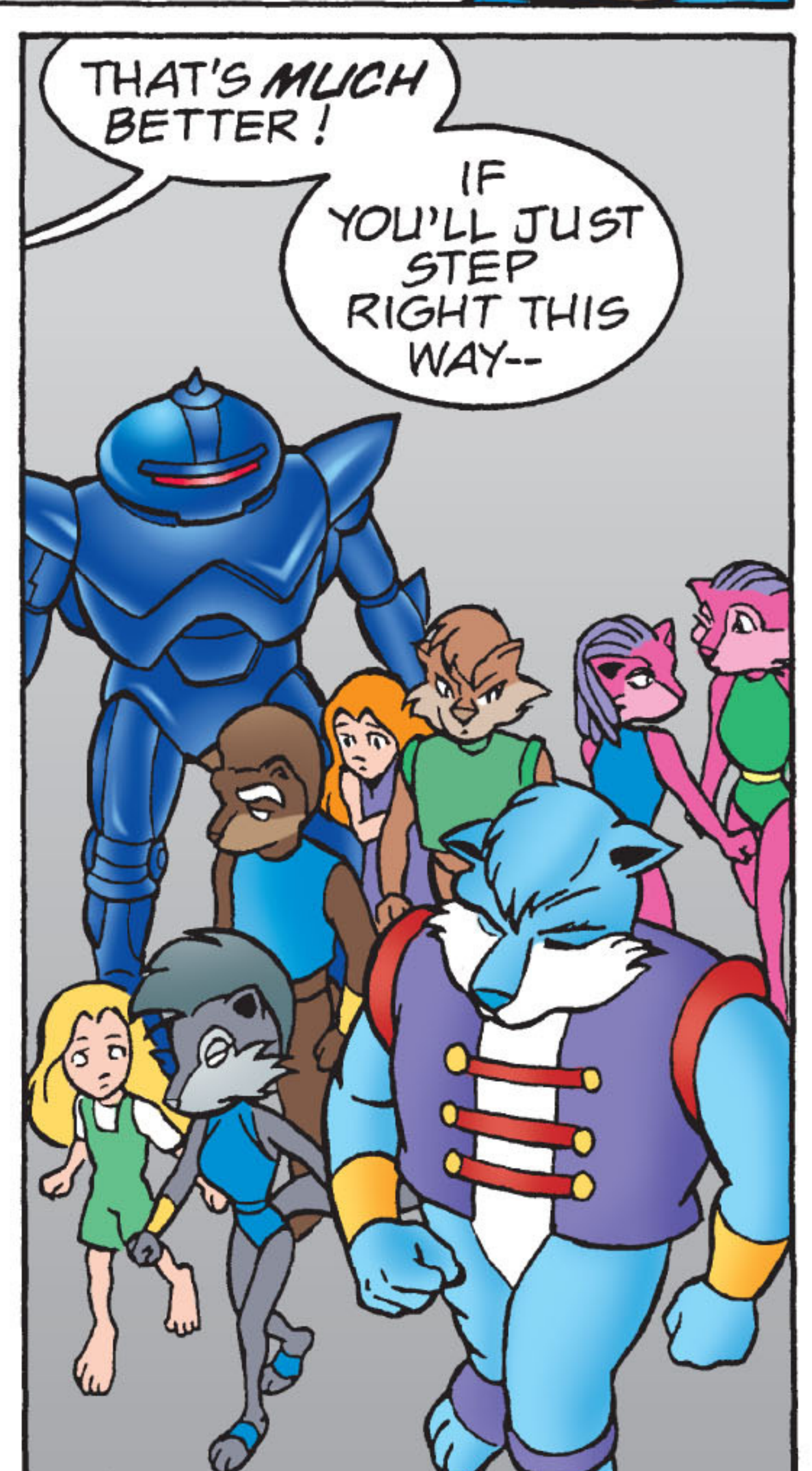
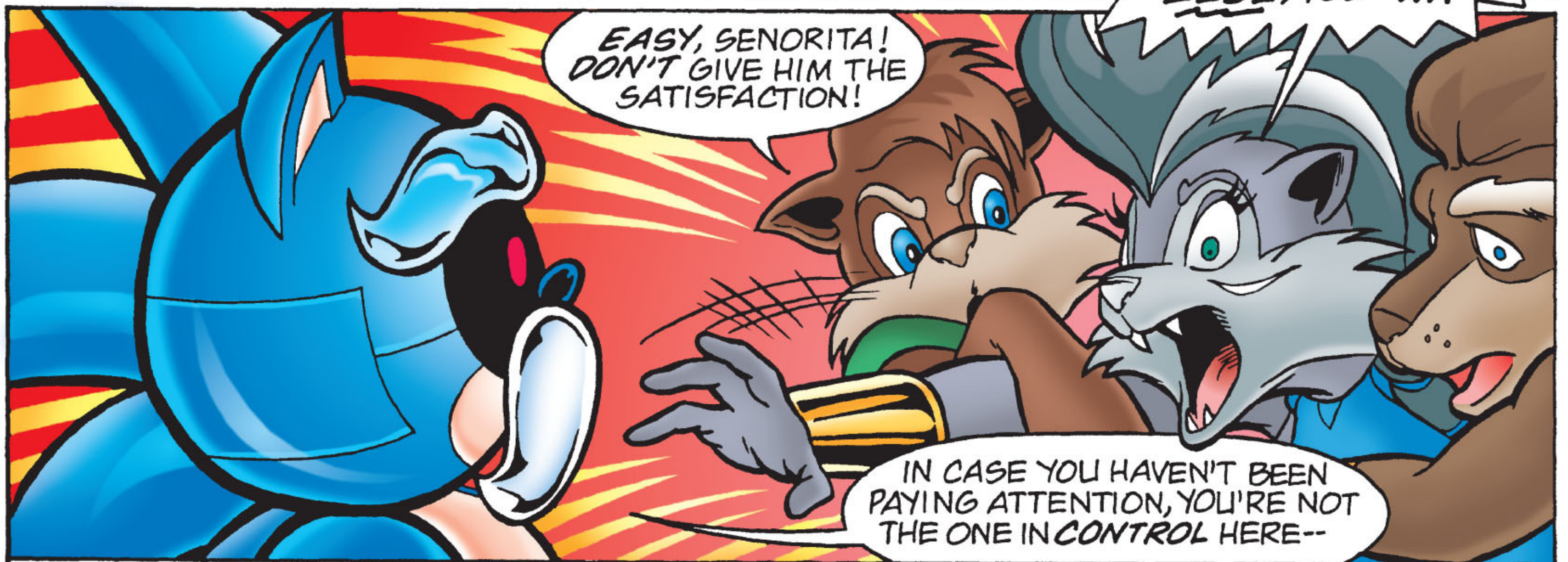
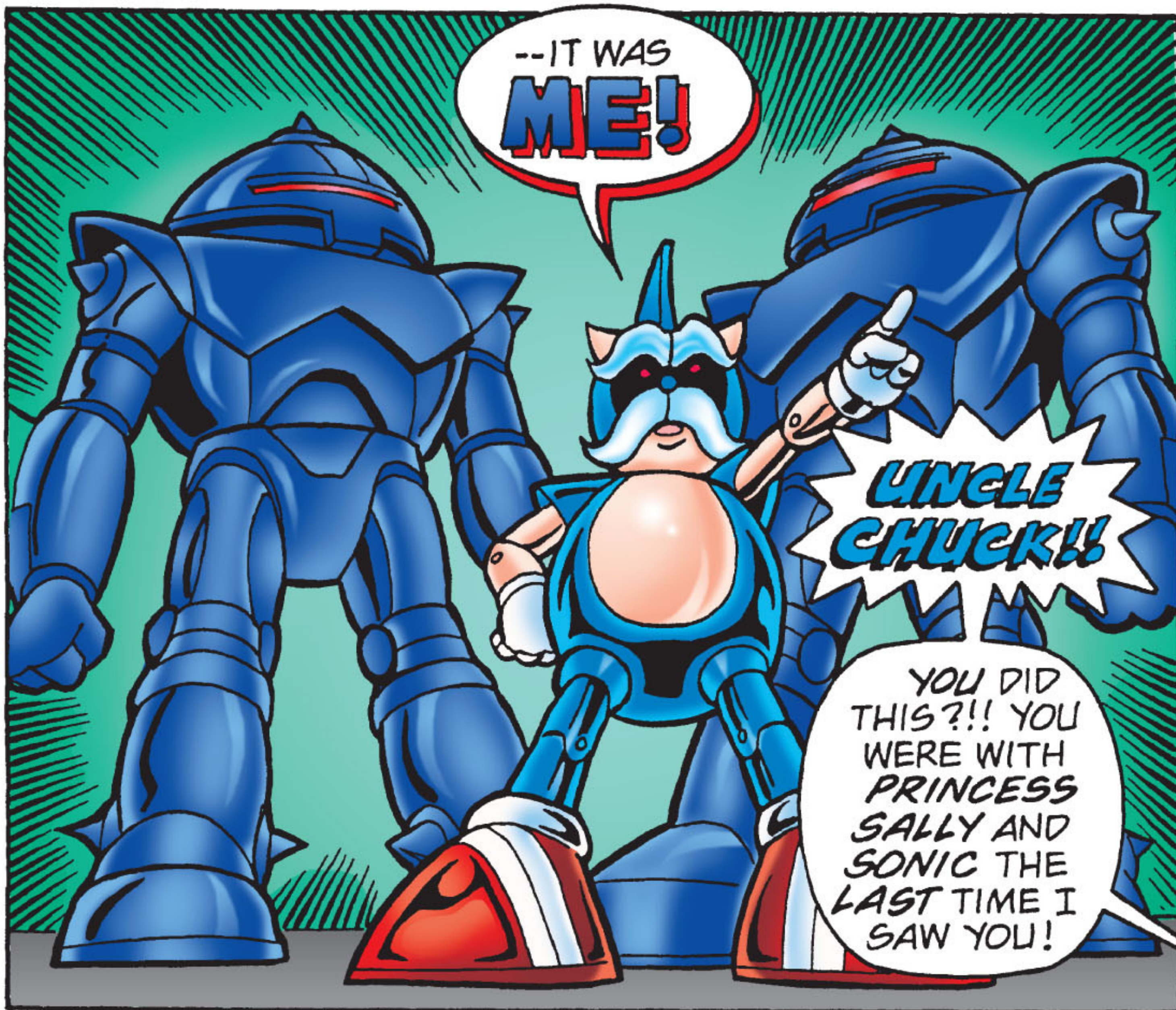


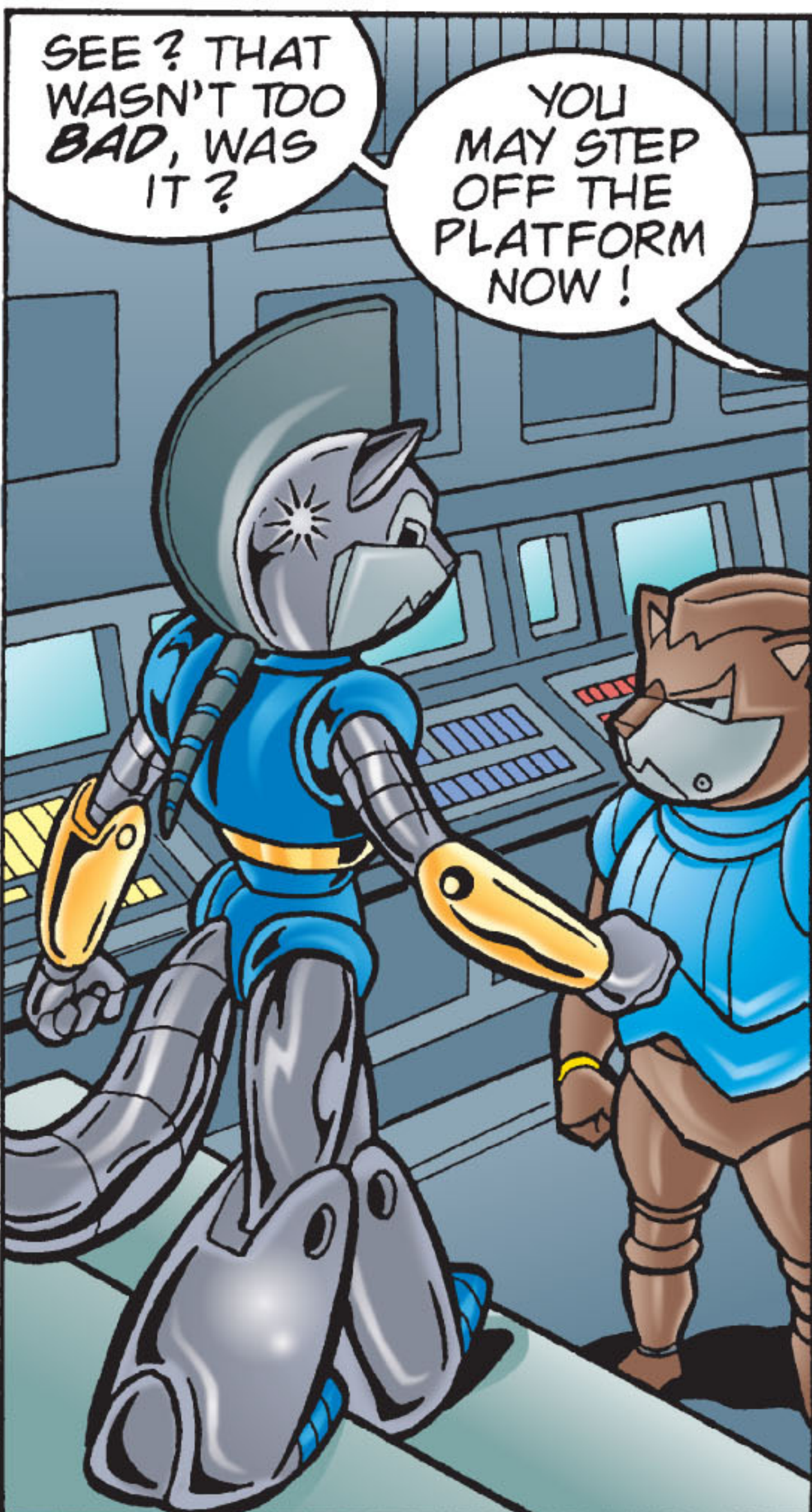
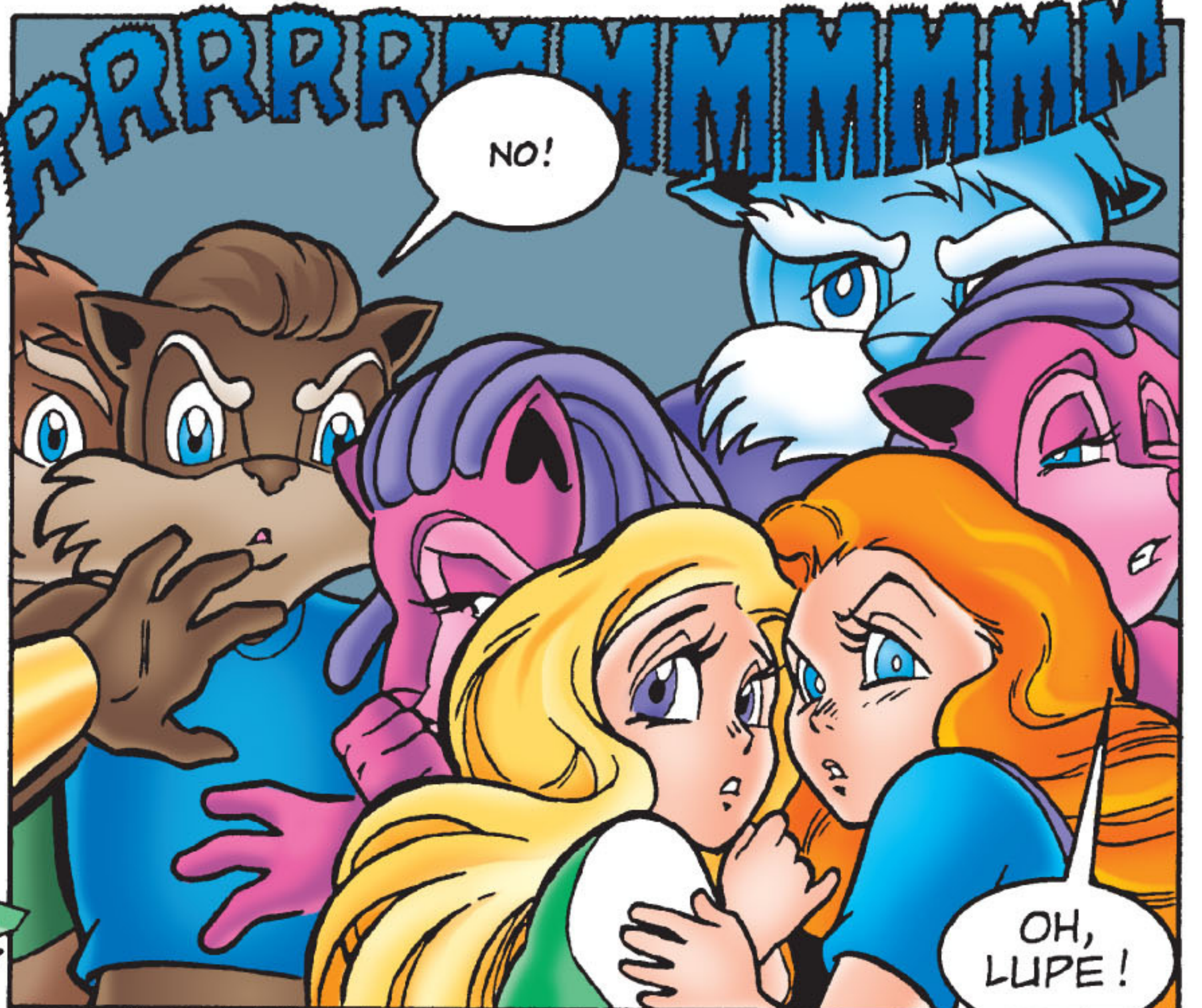
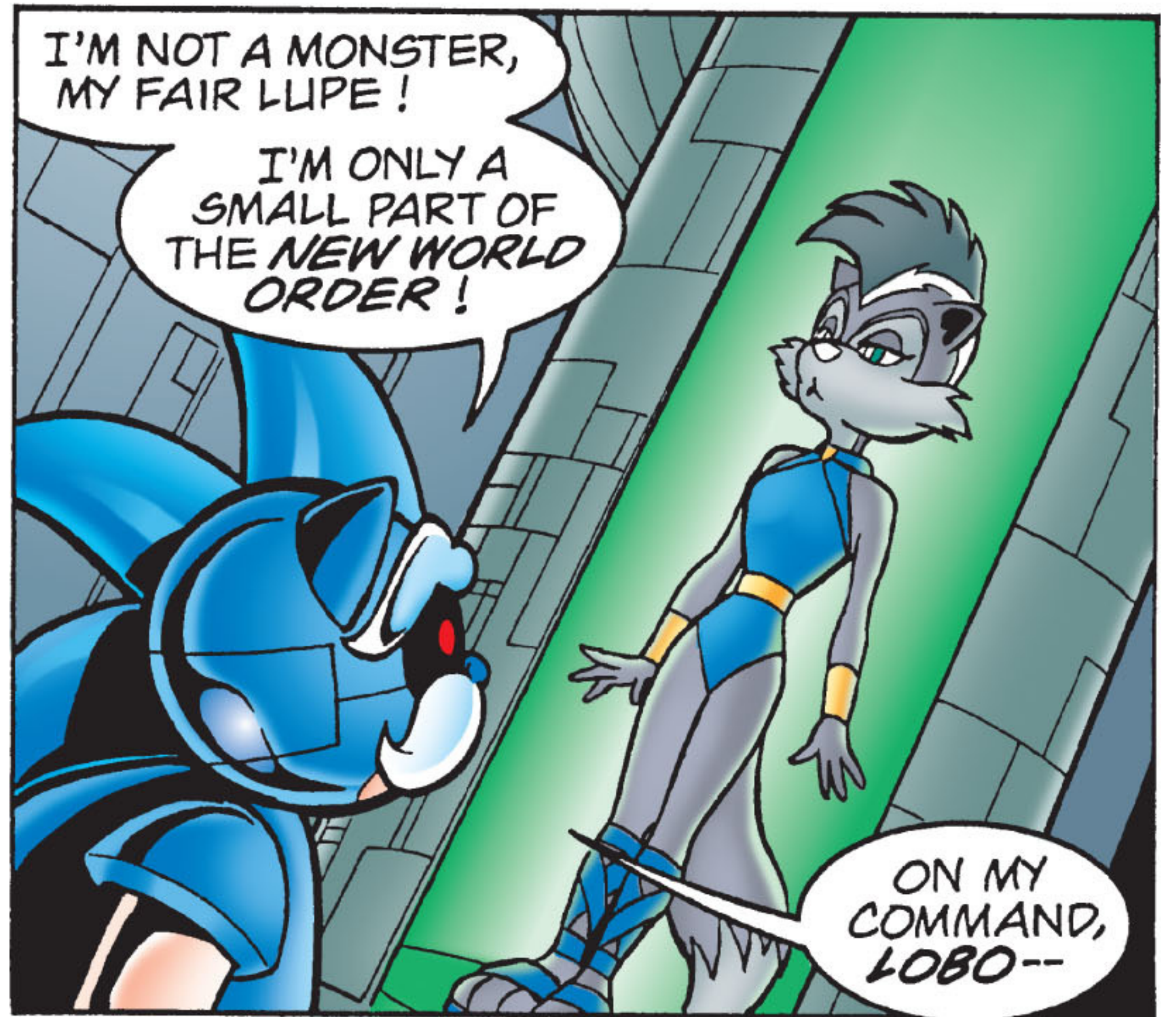
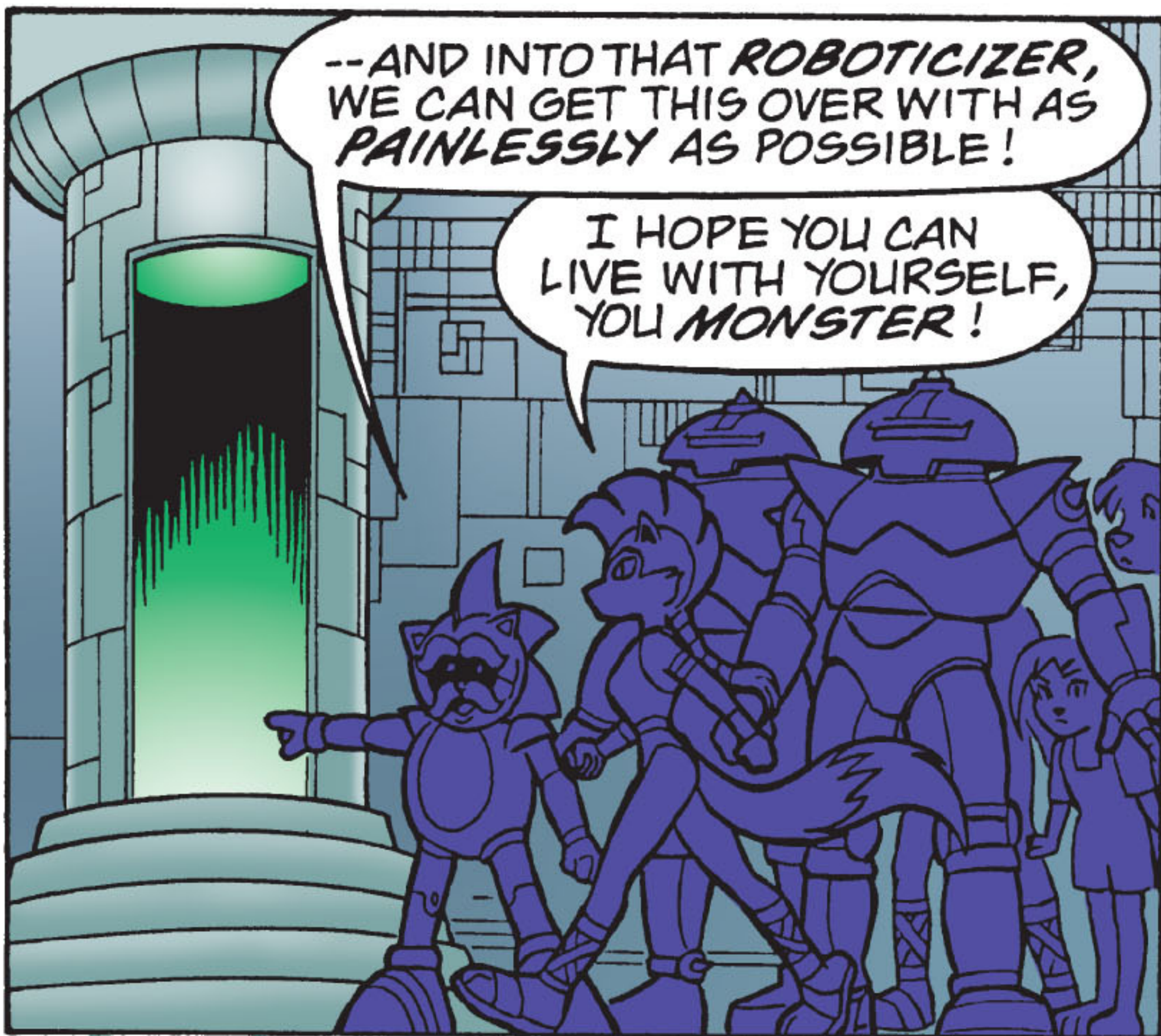
WHAT HAPPENED? WHO DID THIS TO YOU?!!

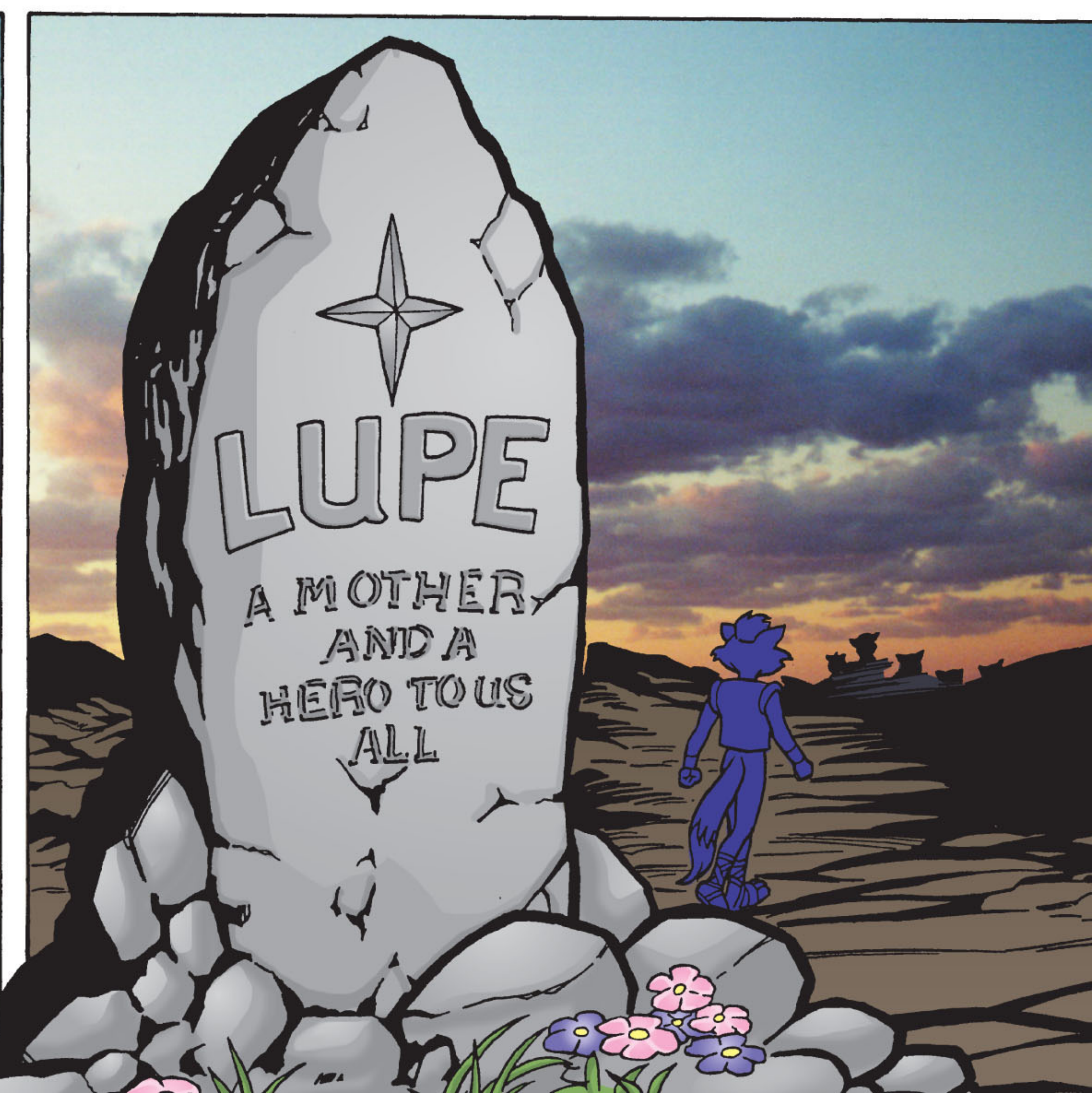
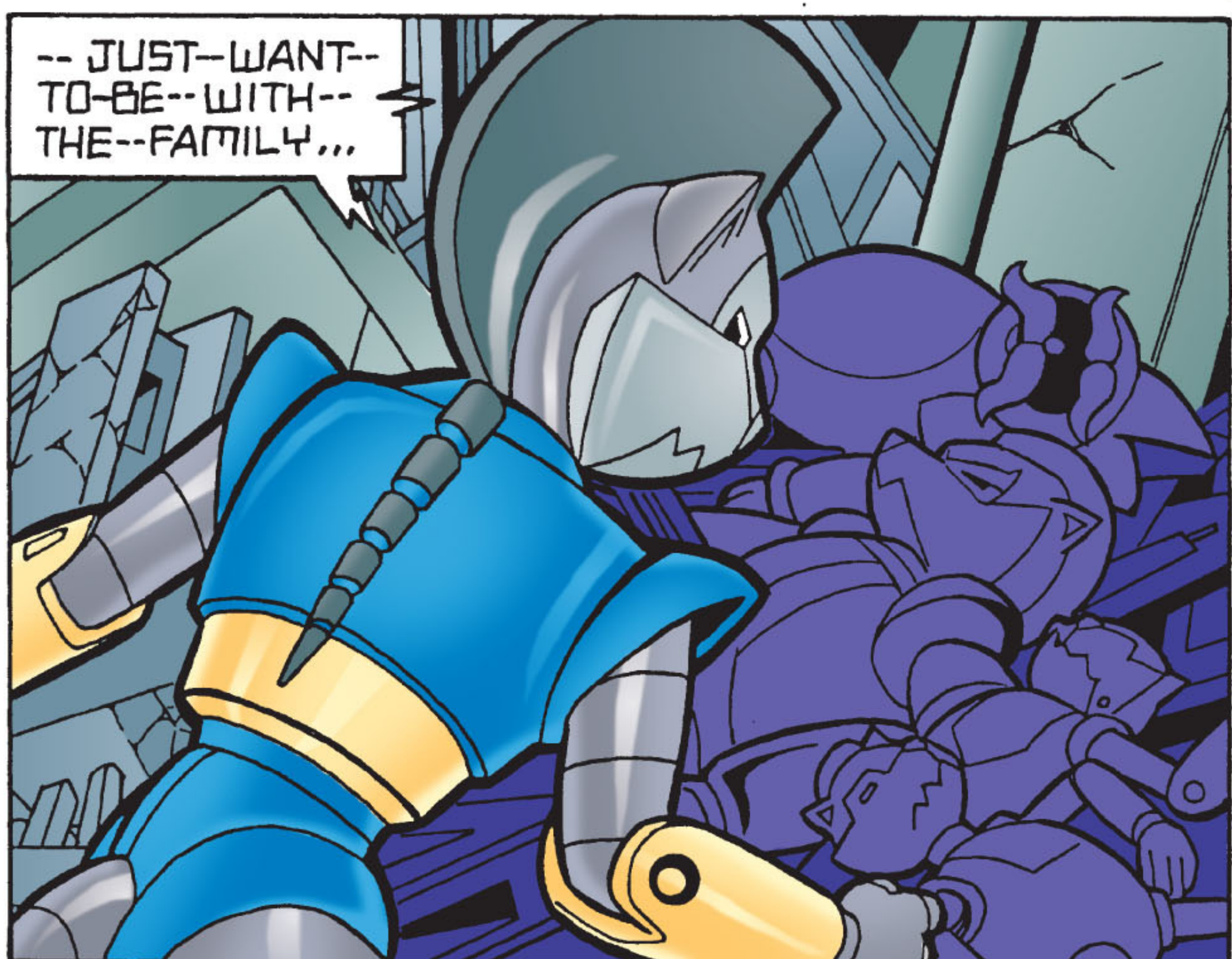
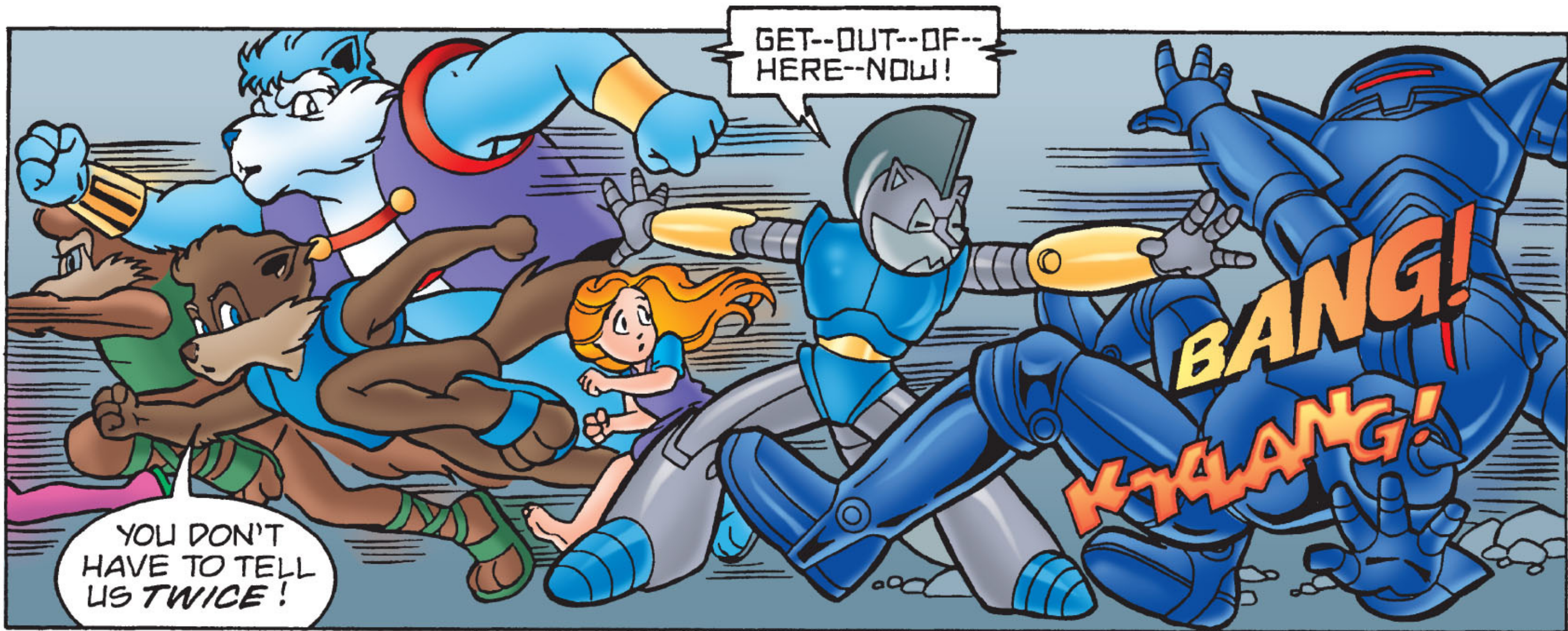


I THOUGHT IT OBVIOUS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED!

AS FOR WHO--







BUNNIE RAB-BOT™

-IN-

UPGRADE

HER
LIFE SIGNS
ARE FINALLY
STABILIZING,
DOCTOR!

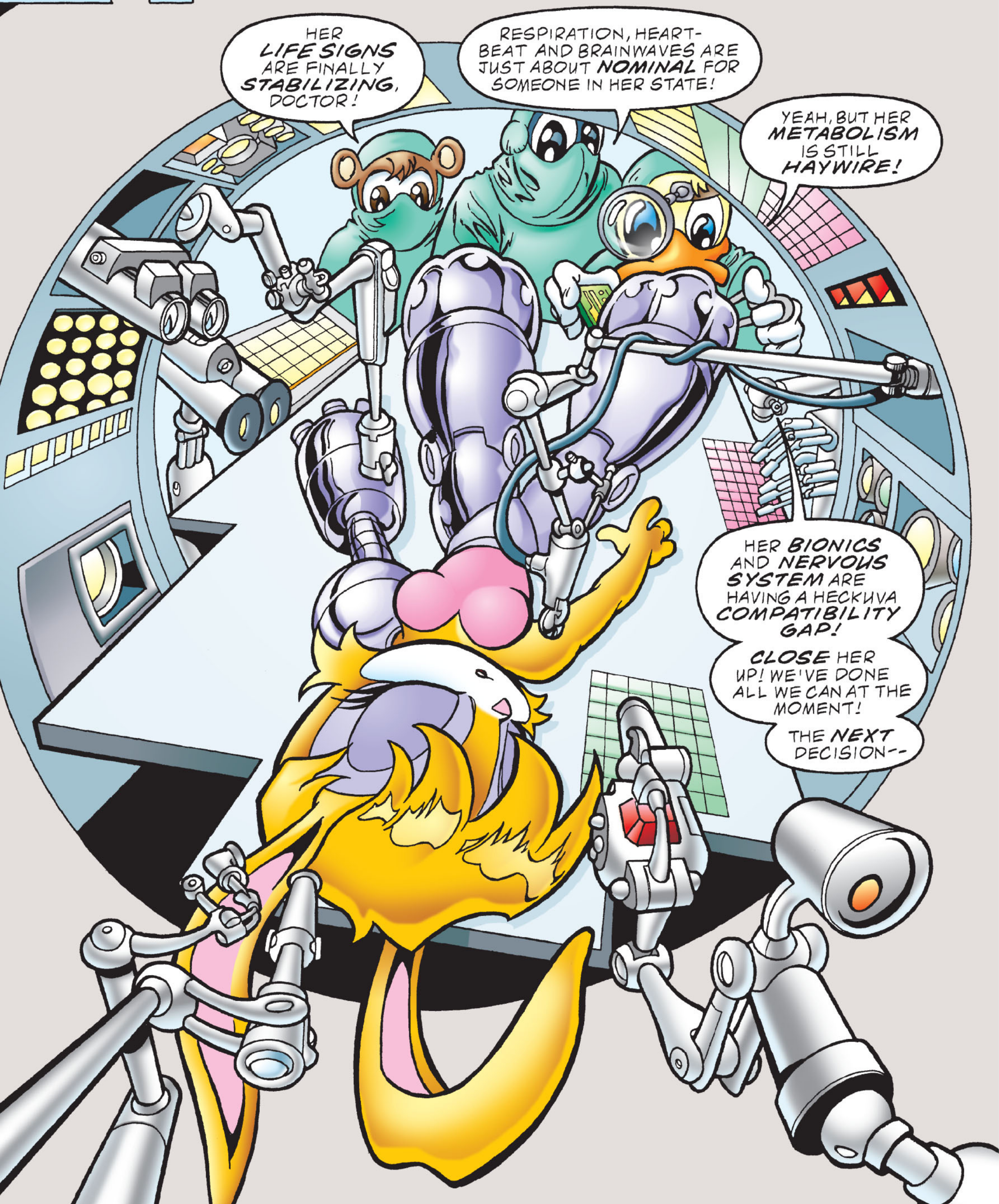
RESPIRATION, HEART-
BEAT AND BRAINWAVES ARE
JUST ABOUT **NOMINAL** FOR
SOMEONE IN HER STATE!

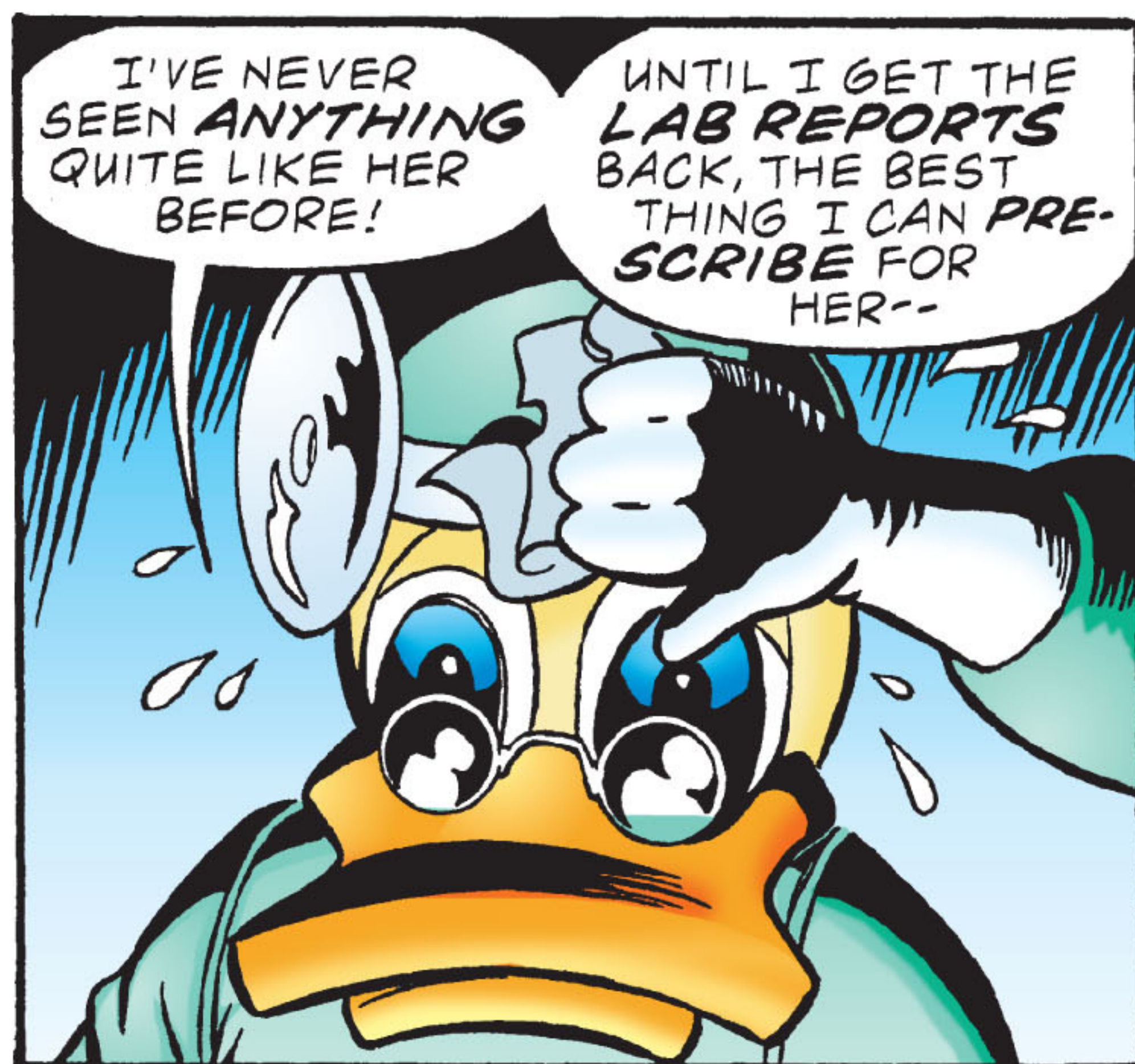
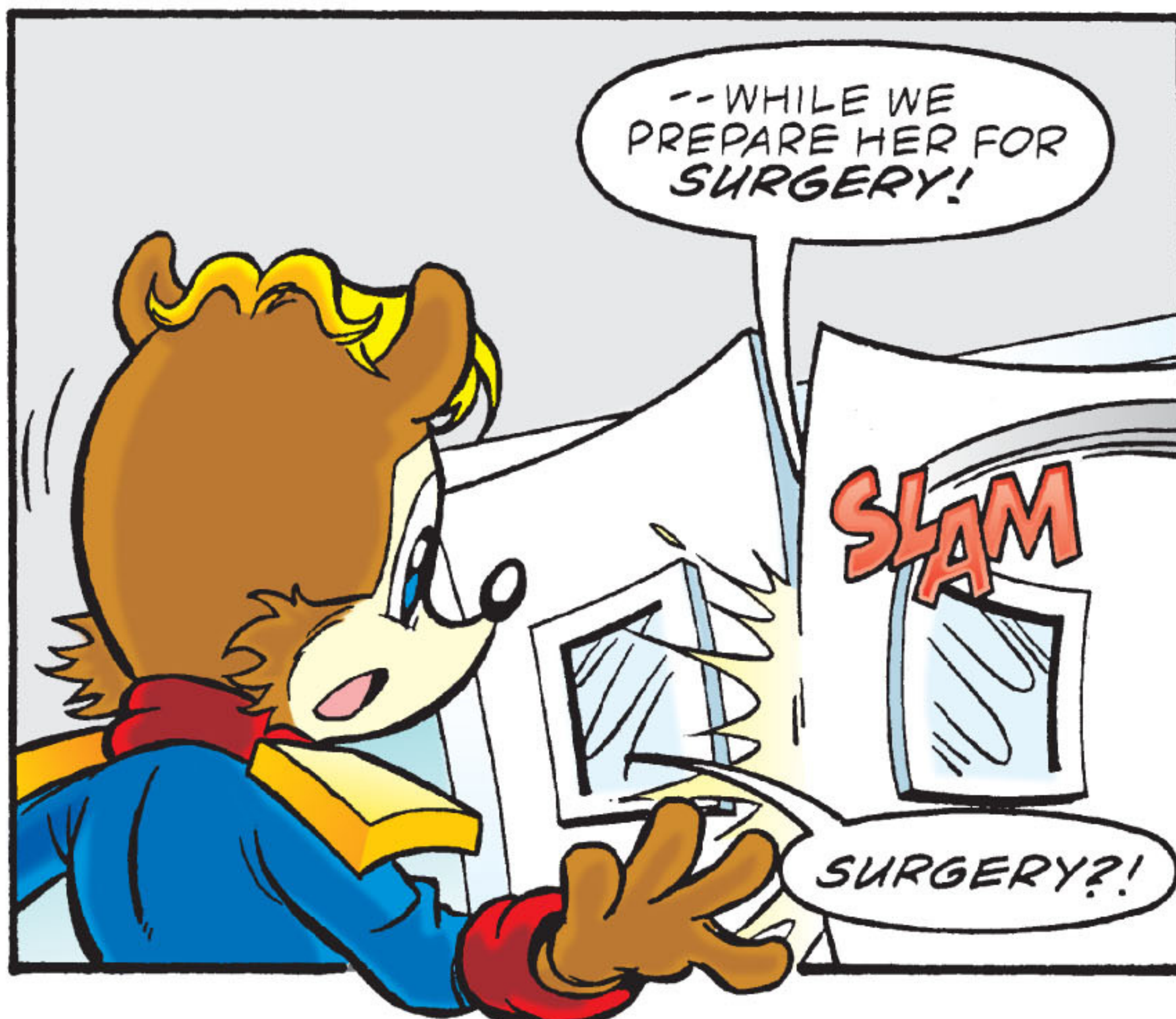
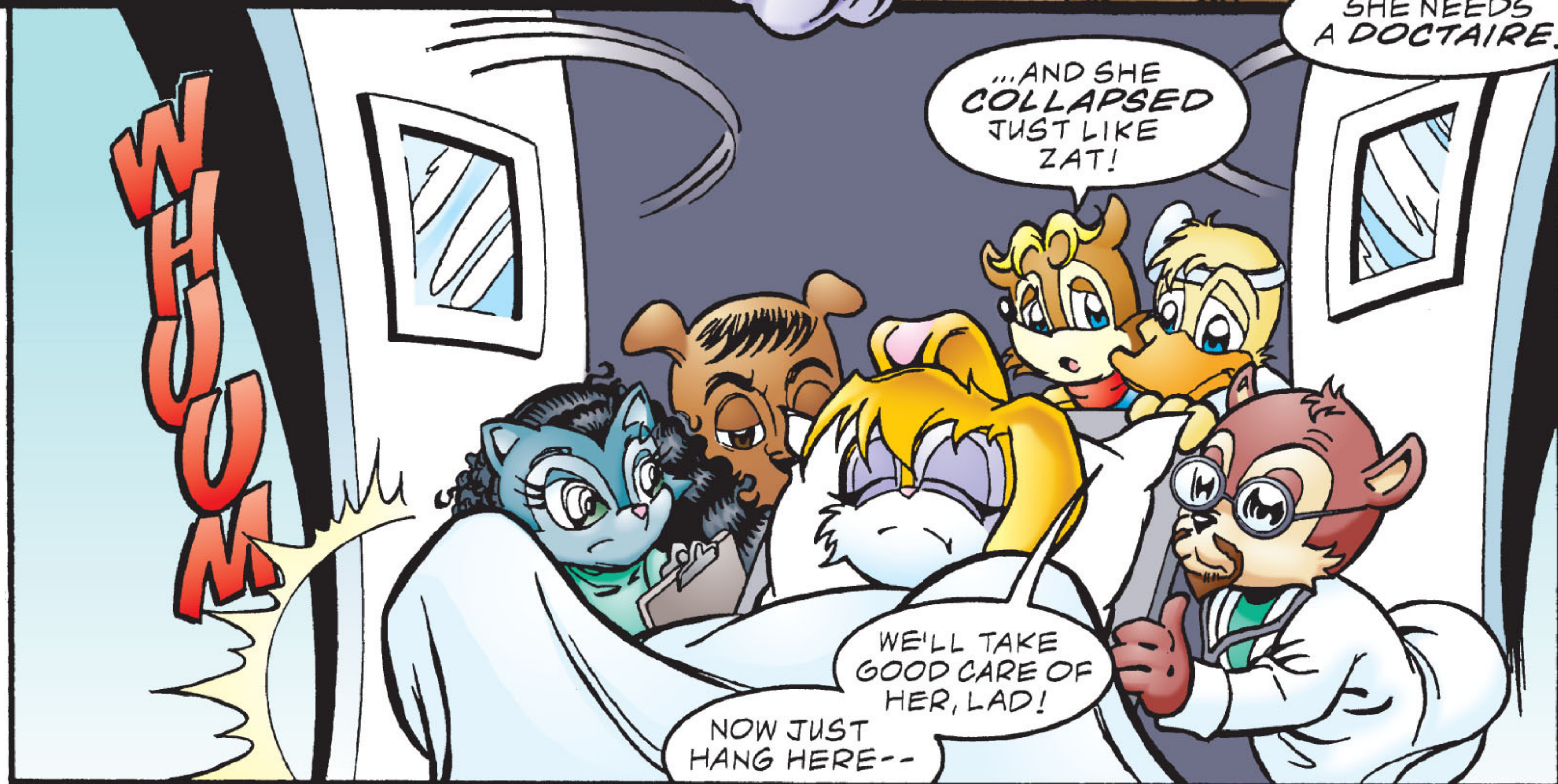
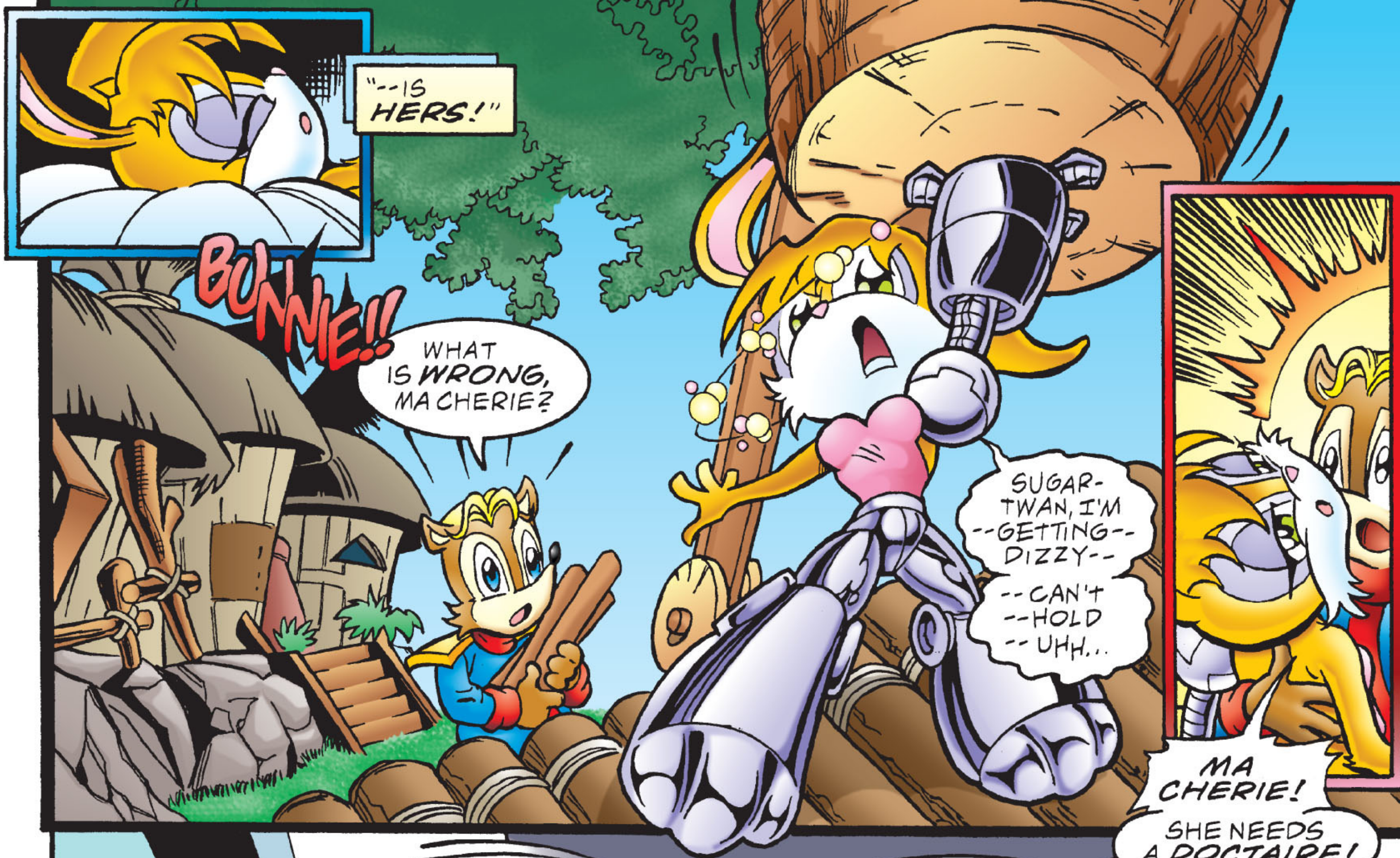
YEAH, BUT HER
METABOLISM
IS STILL
HAYWIRE!

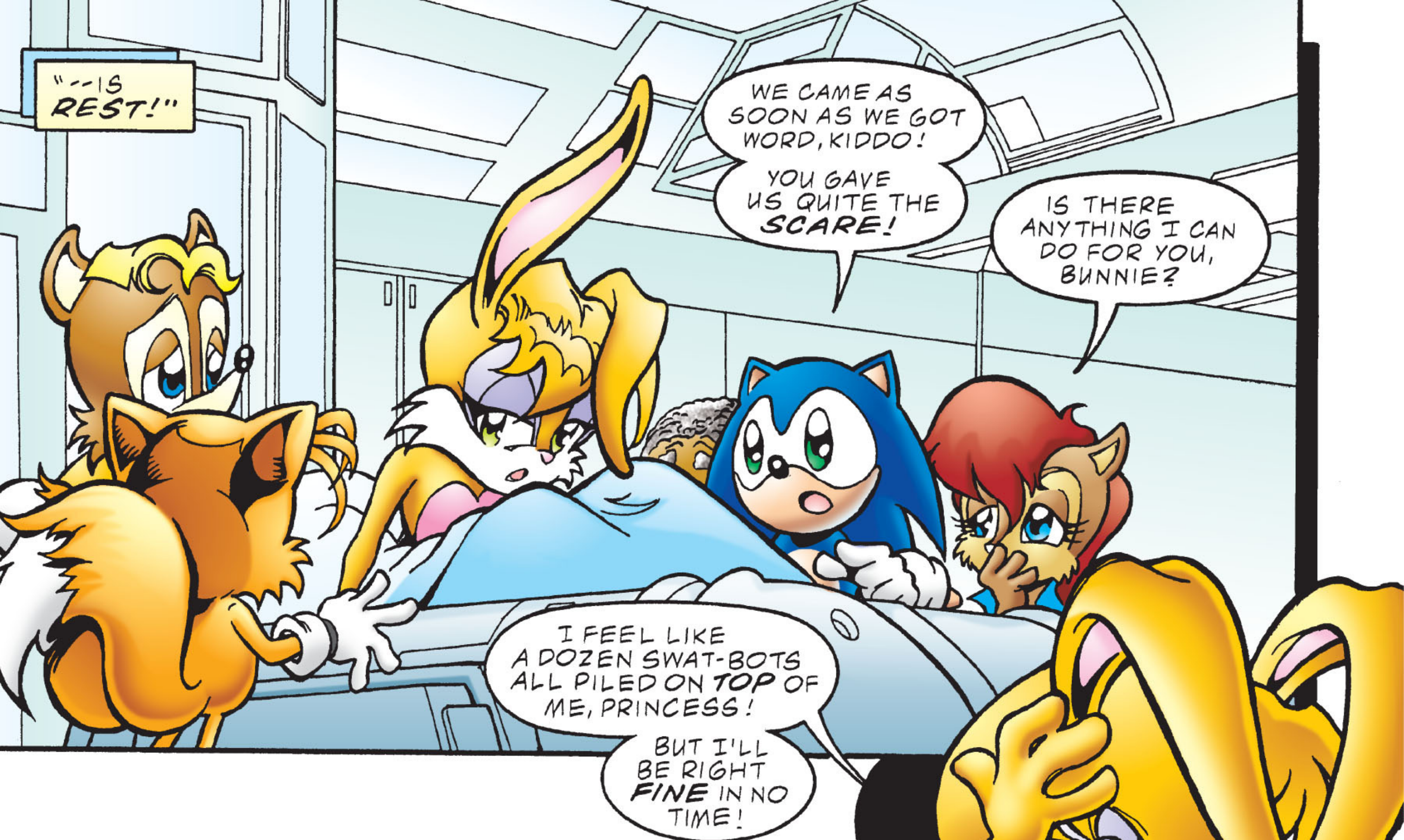
HER **BIONICS**
AND **NERVOUS**
SYSTEM ARE
HAVING A HECKUVA
COMPATIBILITY
GAP!

CLOSE HER
UP! WE'VE DONE
ALL WE CAN AT THE
MOMENT!

THE **NEXT**
DECISION--







"---IS
REST!"

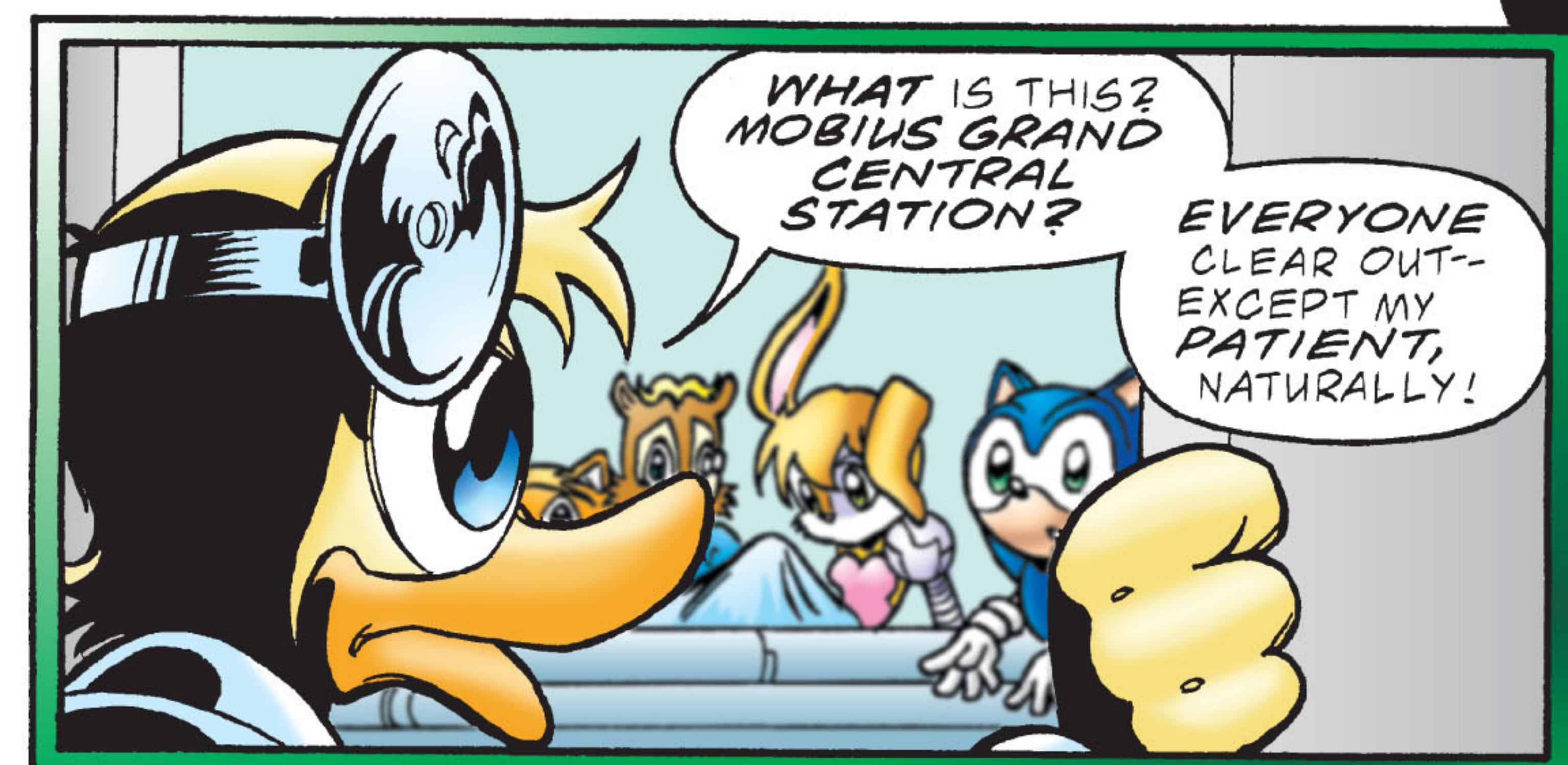
WE CAME AS
SOON AS WE GOT
WORD, KIDDO!

YOU GAVE
US QUITE THE
SCARE!

IS THERE
ANYTHING I CAN
DO FOR YOU,
BUNNIE?

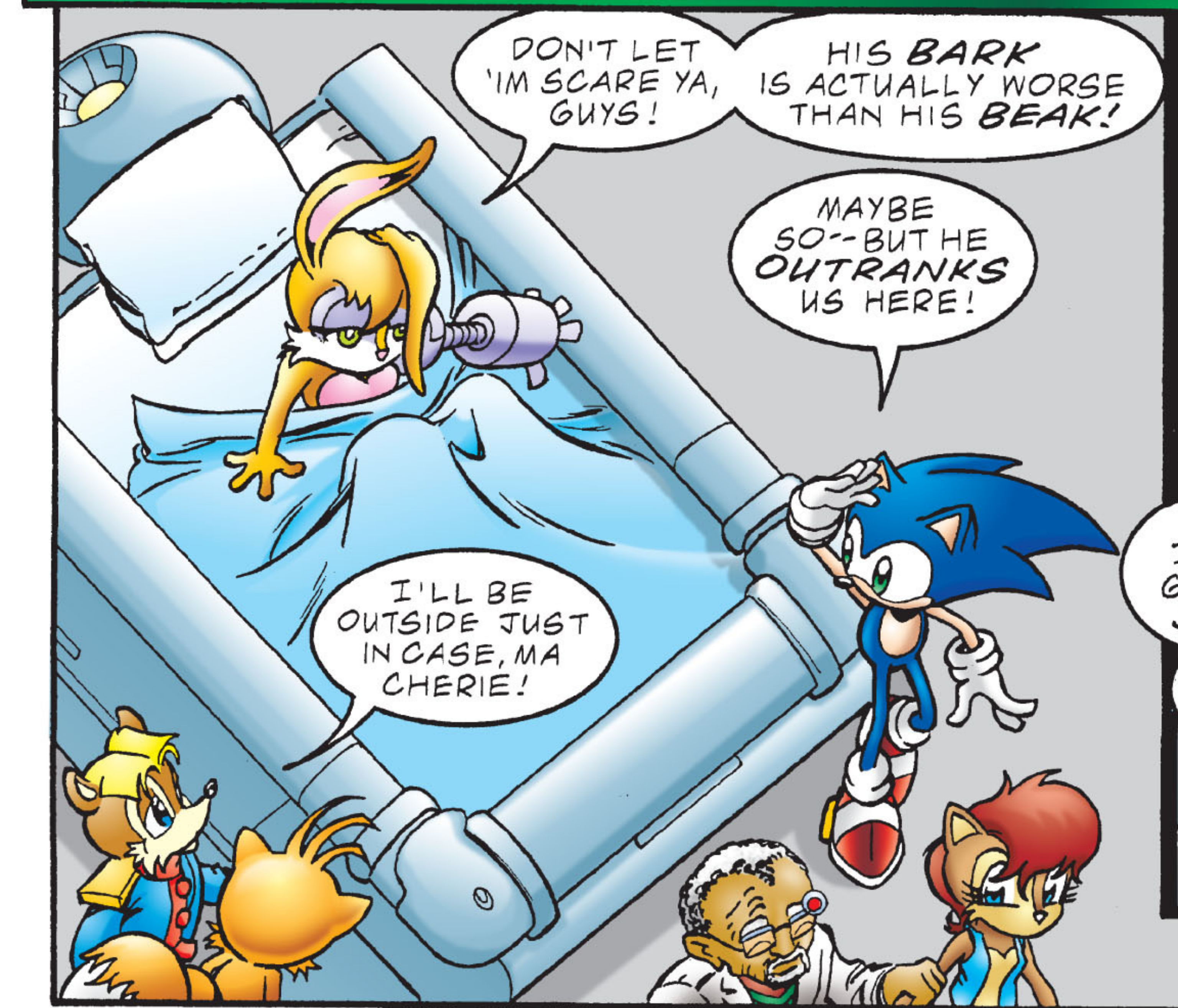
I FEEL LIKE
A DOZEN SWAT-BOTS
ALL PILED ON TOP OF
ME, PRINCESS!

BUT I'LL
BE RIGHT
FINE IN NO
TIME!



WHAT IS THIS?
MOBIUS GRAND
CENTRAL
STATION?

EVERYONE
CLEAR OUT--
EXCEPT MY
PATIENT,
NATURALLY!



DON'T LET
'IM SCARE YA,
GUYS!

HIS **BARK**
IS ACTUALLY WORSE
THAN HIS **BEAK!**

MAYBE
SO--BUT HE
OUTRANKS
US HERE!

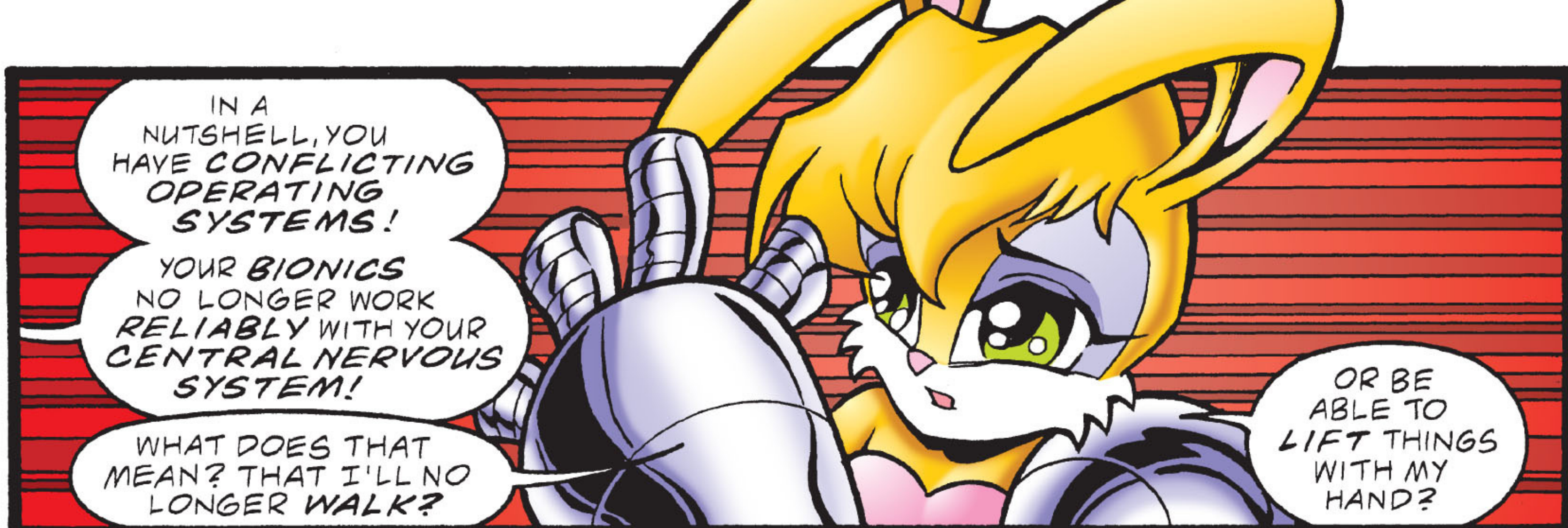
I'LL BE
OUTSIDE JUST
IN CASE, MA
CHERIE!

OKAY, DOC!
I'M A BIG GIRL!
GIVE IT TO ME
STRAIGHT!

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME?

WHAT
HAPPENED
YOUNG
LADY?

I'M AMAZED
WHAT HAPPENED,
DIDN'T HAPPEN
LONG BEFORE
THIS!

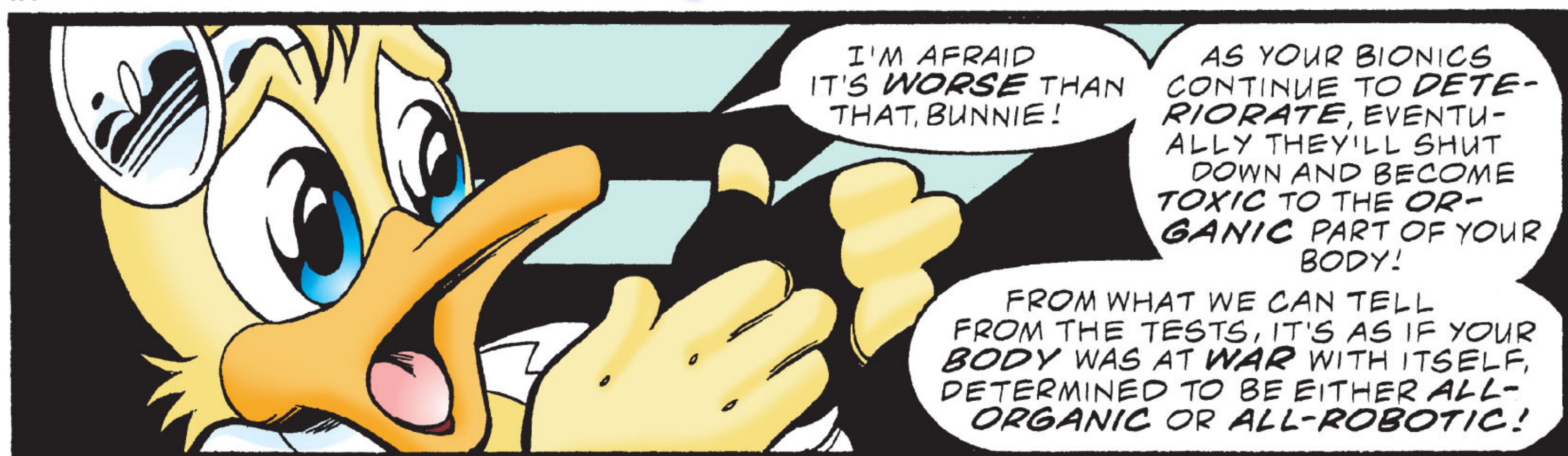


IN A NUTSHELL, YOU HAVE **CONFLICTING OPERATING SYSTEMS!**

YOUR **BIONICS** NO LONGER WORK **RELIABLY** WITH YOUR **CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM!**

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT I'LL NO LONGER WALK?

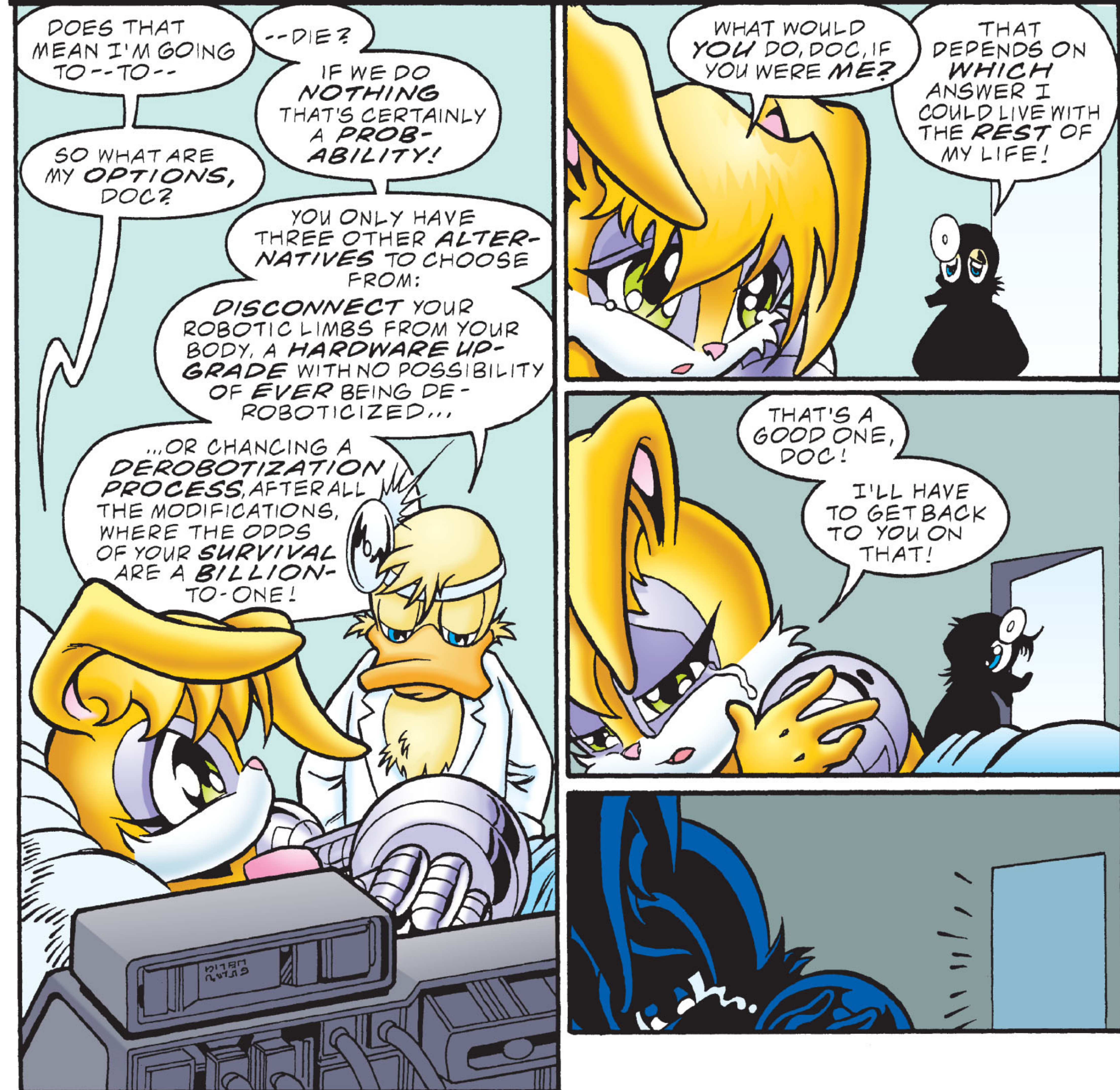
OR BE ABLE TO **LIFT** THINGS WITH MY HAND?



I'M AFRAID IT'S **WORSE** THAN THAT, BUNNIE!

AS YOUR **BIONICS** CONTINUE TO **DETE-RIORATE**, EVENTU-ALLY THEY'LL SHUT DOWN AND BECOME **TOXIC** TO THE **OR-GANIC** PART OF YOUR BODY!

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL FROM THE TESTS, IT'S AS IF YOUR **BODY** WAS AT **WAR** WITH ITSELF, DETERMINED TO BE EITHER **ALL-ORGANIC** OR **ALL-ROBOTIC!**



DOES THAT MEAN I'M GOING TO--TO--

--DIE?

IF WE DO **NOTHING** THAT'S CERTAINLY A **PROB-ABILITY!**

SO WHAT ARE MY **OPTIONS**, DOC?

YOU ONLY HAVE THREE OTHER **ALTER-NATIVES** TO CHOOSE FROM:

DISCONNECT YOUR ROBOTIC LIMBS FROM YOUR BODY, A **HARDWARE UP-GRADE** WITH NO POSSIBILITY OF **EVER** BEING **DE-ROBOTICIZED...**

...OR CHANCING A **DEROBOTIZATION PROCESS**, AFTER ALL THE MODIFICATIONS, WHERE THE ODDS OF YOUR **SURVIVAL** ARE A **BILLION-TO-ONE!**

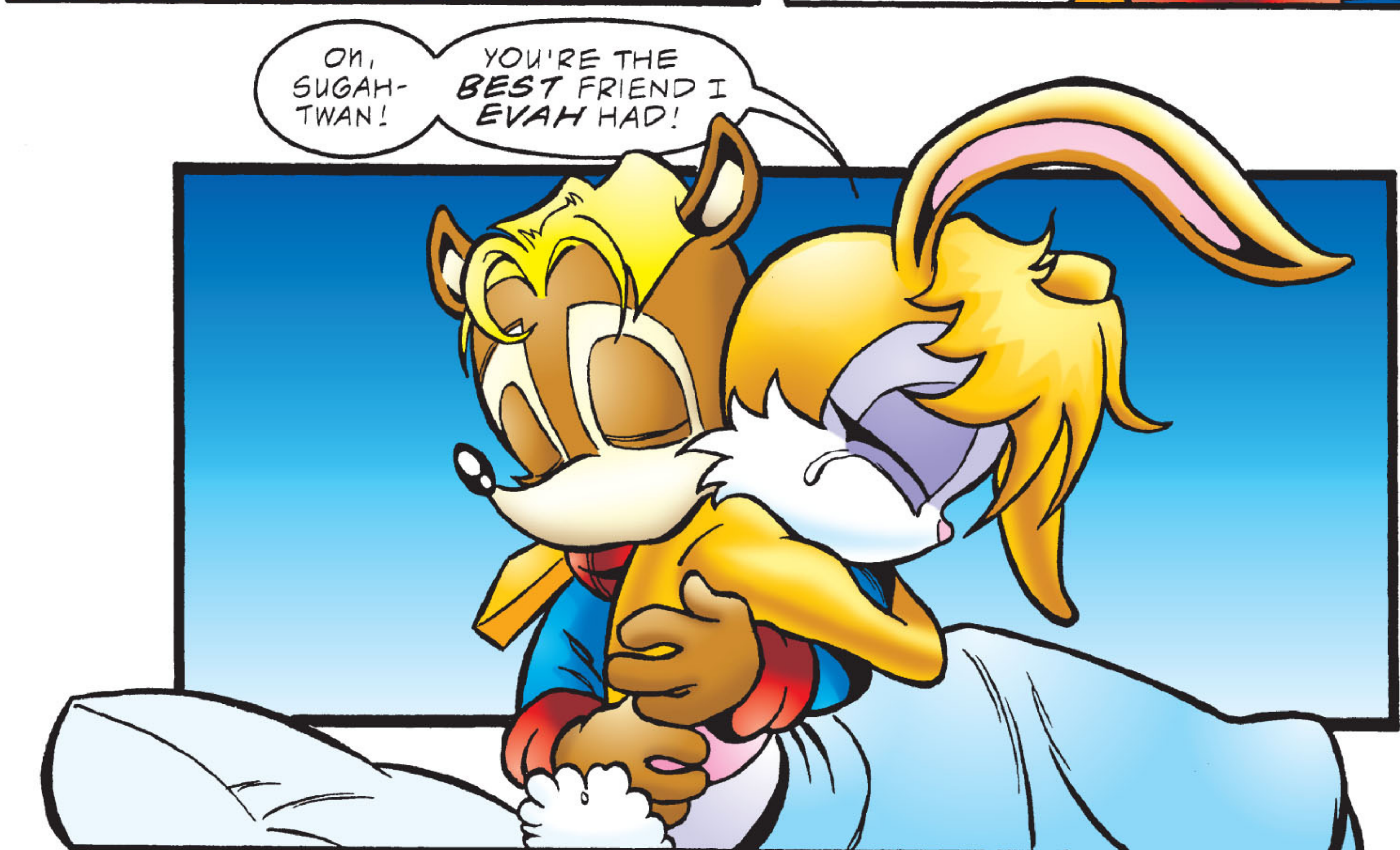
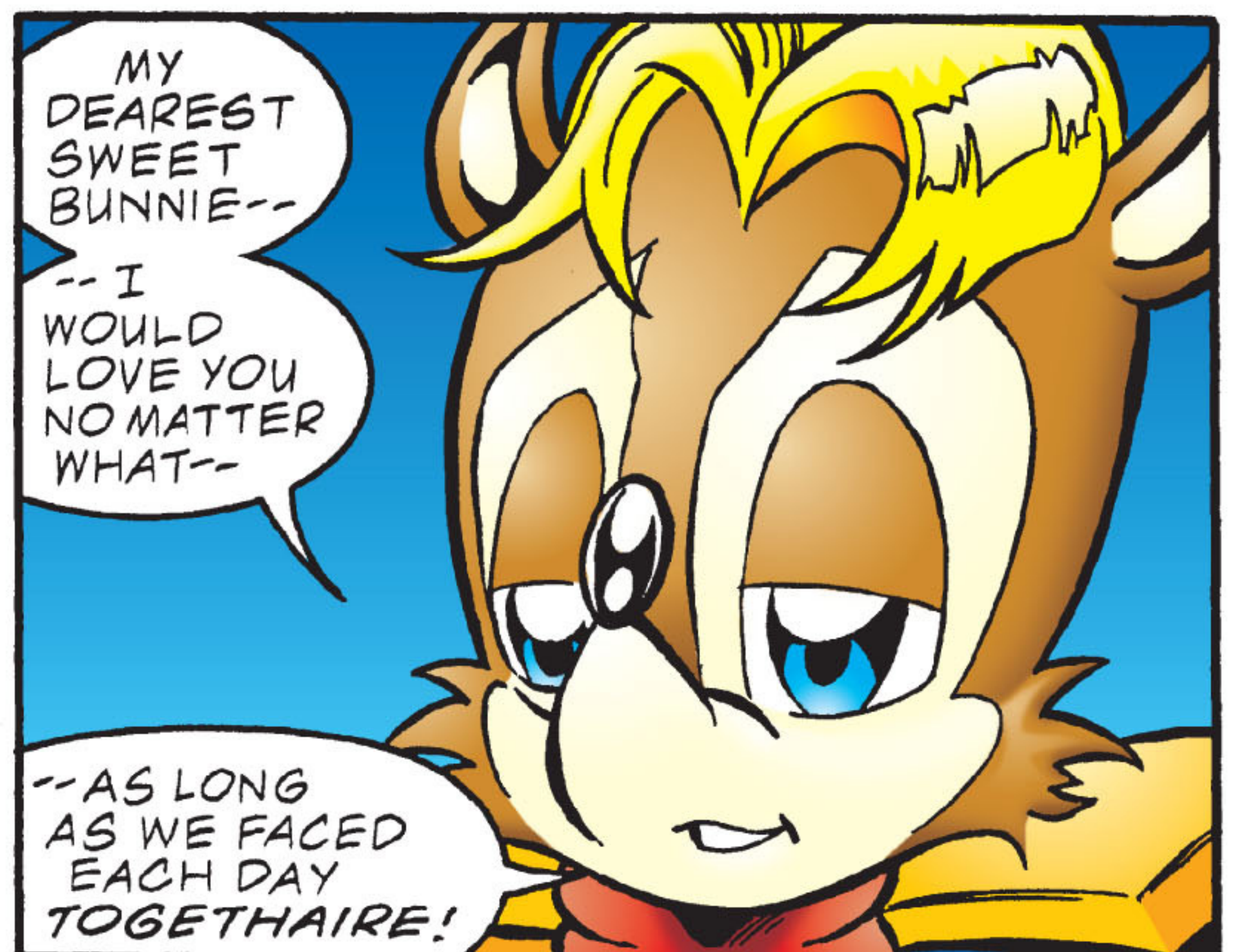
WHAT WOULD YOU DO, DOC, IF YOU WERE ME?

THAT DEPENDS ON **WHICH** ANSWER I COULD LIVE WITH THE **REST** OF MY LIFE!

THAT'S A GOOD ONE, DOC!

I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT!





THERE!

THAT
SHOULD DO
THE TRICK!

NOW HOW
ABOUT TRYING
IT ON?

WELL, IT
SHOAH DOES
FEEL FINE AND
LOOKS EVEN
BETTAH!

ARE YOU
CERTAIN I WON'T
HAVE THE SAME
PROBLEM AGAIN
WITH THIS HEAH
SET-UP?

ABSOLUTELY!

IF YOU GIVE
ME A FEW MINUTES,
I CAN GO OVER ALL
THE **TECHNICAL**
DETAILS WITH
YOU!

AS LONG
AS IT **WORKS**,
I CAN **LIVE**
WITH THAT!

WATCH OUT,
WORLD--

--HERE I
COME, **BETTAH**
THAN EVAH!

YOU GO,
GIRL!

THE
END

PERSONAL LOG:
SKYDATE 458.9.28.
I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.
I HAVE TO KNOW.

I CAN'T GO FORWARD WITH
MY LIFE UNTIL I KNOW MY
PAST.

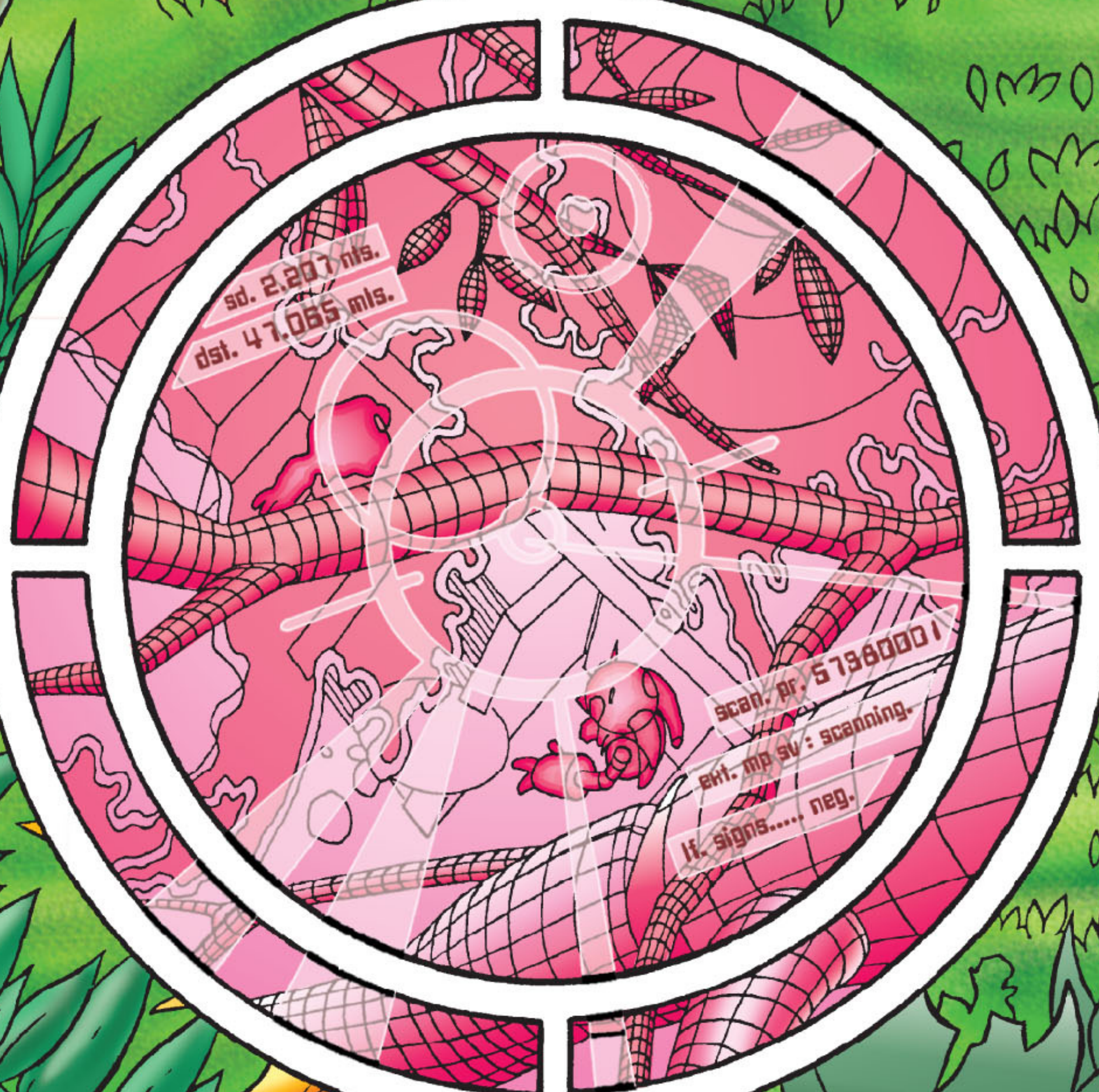
AFTER GIVING THE MATTER
MUCH THOUGHT--

MY VISOR
READOUT SHOWS
THE COMPLEX--
DEAD AHEAD!

JULIE-SU IN SHADOWS

--I'VE DECIDED TO RETURN
TO THE **LAST** PLACE I EVER
EXPECTED TO VISIT...

WHERE ELSE COULD I
BEGIN MY QUEST--



--THAN THE PLACE I
HAD ONCE CALLED
HOME.

I'LL BET
NO ONE'S BEEN
HERE SINCE
KNUCKLES
FOUGHT
KRAGOK!*

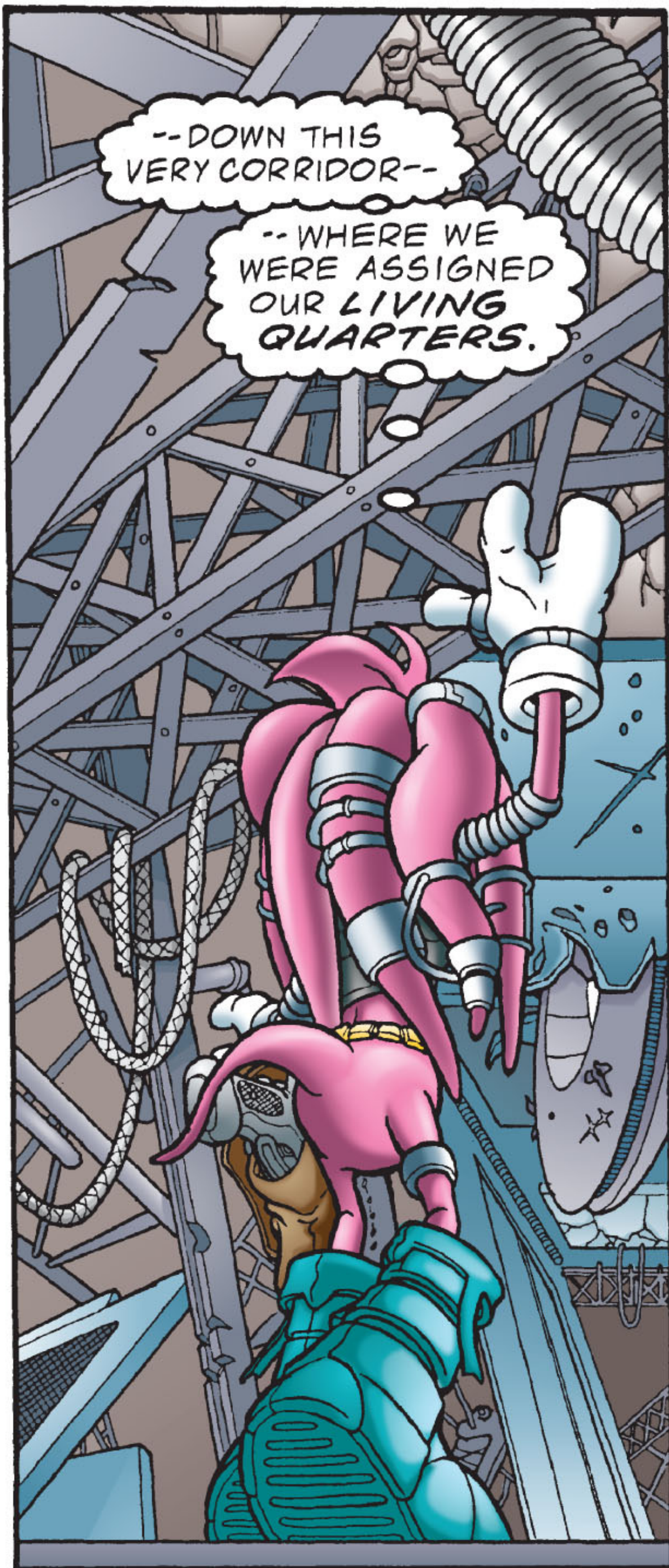
KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 1
--EDITOR

NOT A SOUND
--OR SIGN OF LIFE--
ANYWHERE!

ALL THE
EFFORT IT TOOK
TO **BUILD** THIS
PLACE--LEFT TO
ROT!

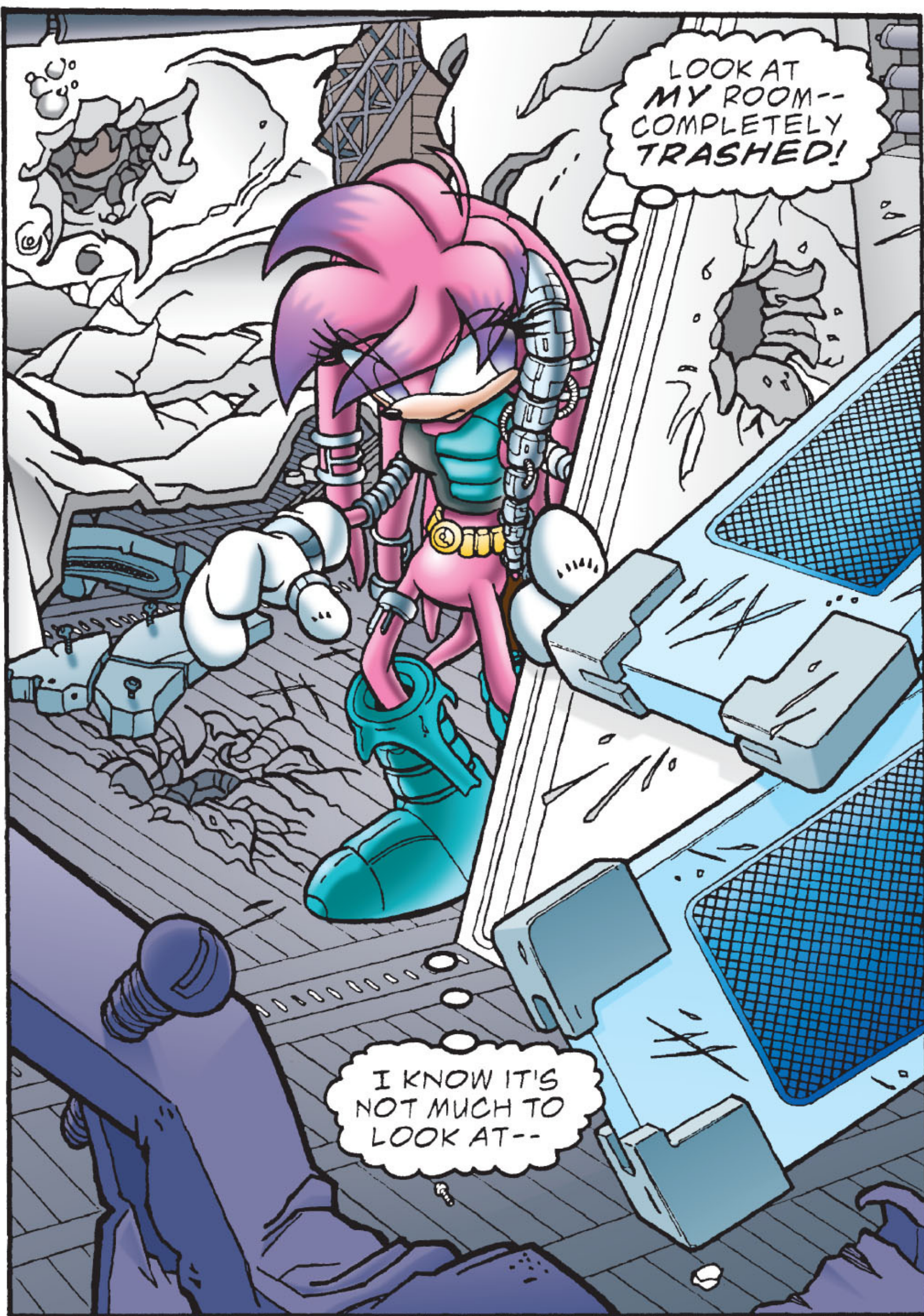
STILL...

...THE POSSIBILITY
REMAINS I MAY YET FIND
WHAT I CAME FOR--



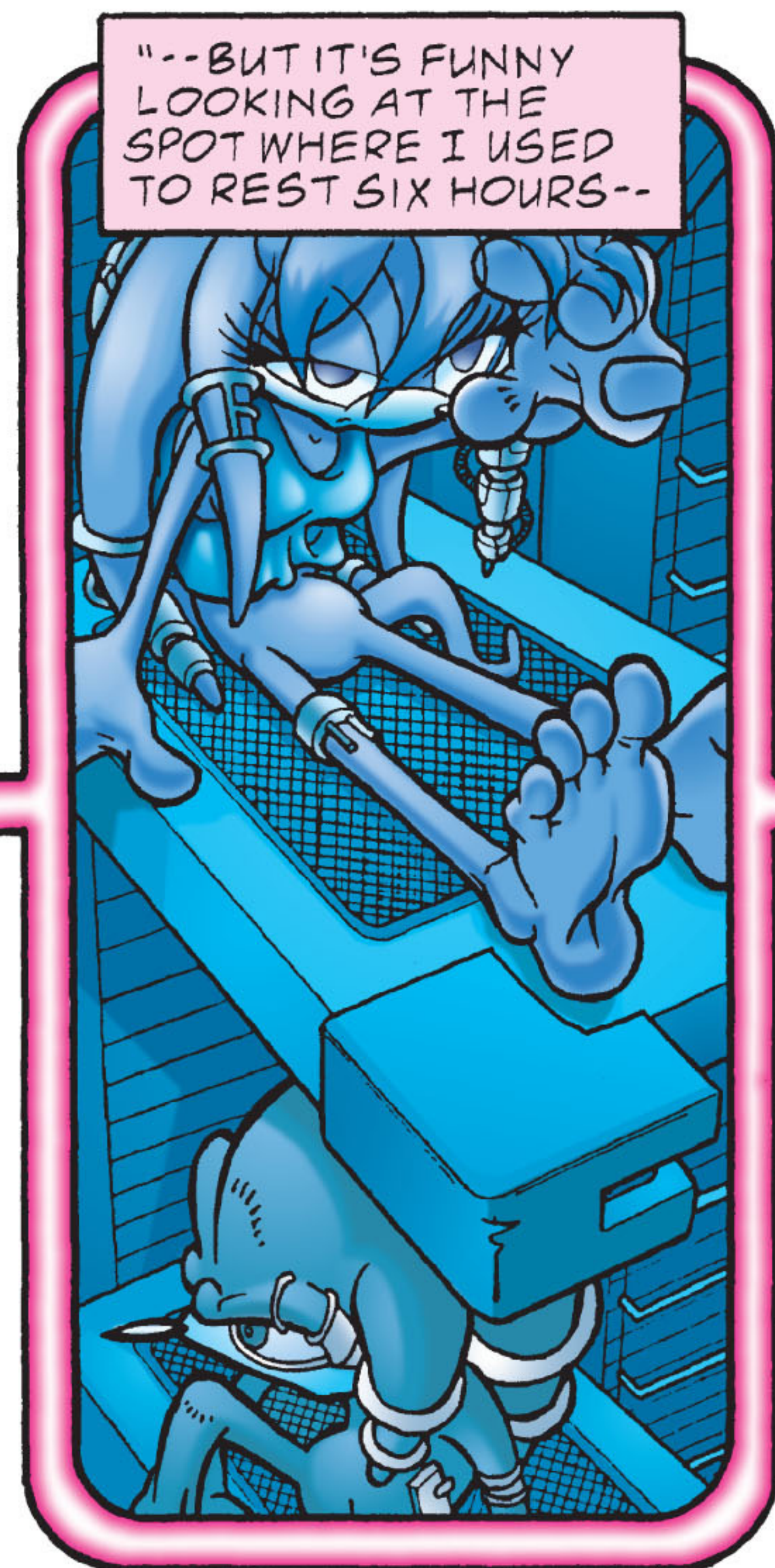
--DOWN THIS
VERY CORRIDOR--

-- WHERE WE
WERE ASSIGNED
OUR **LIVING
QUARTERS.**

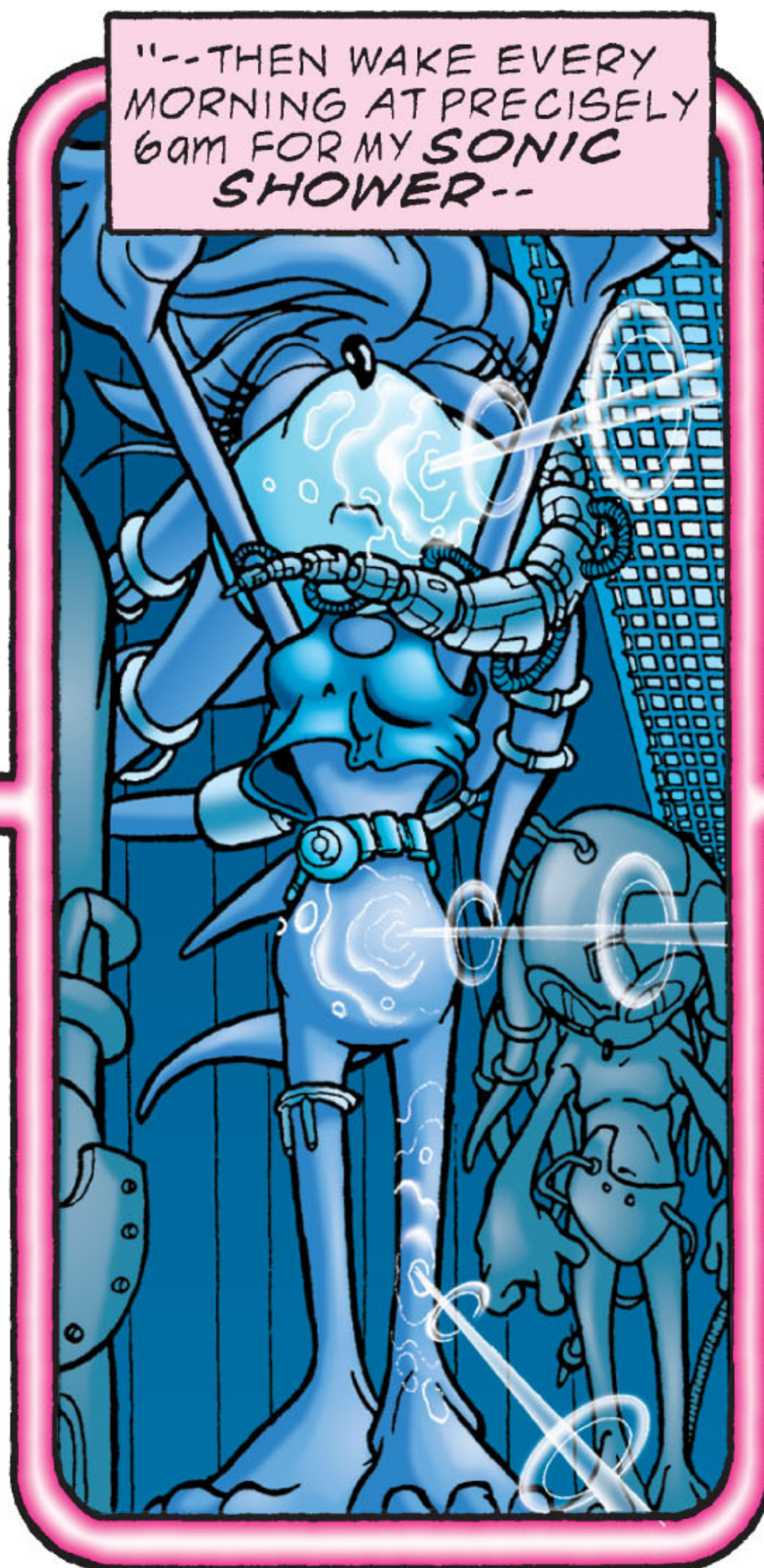


LOOK AT
**MY ROOM--
COMPLETELY
TRASHED!**

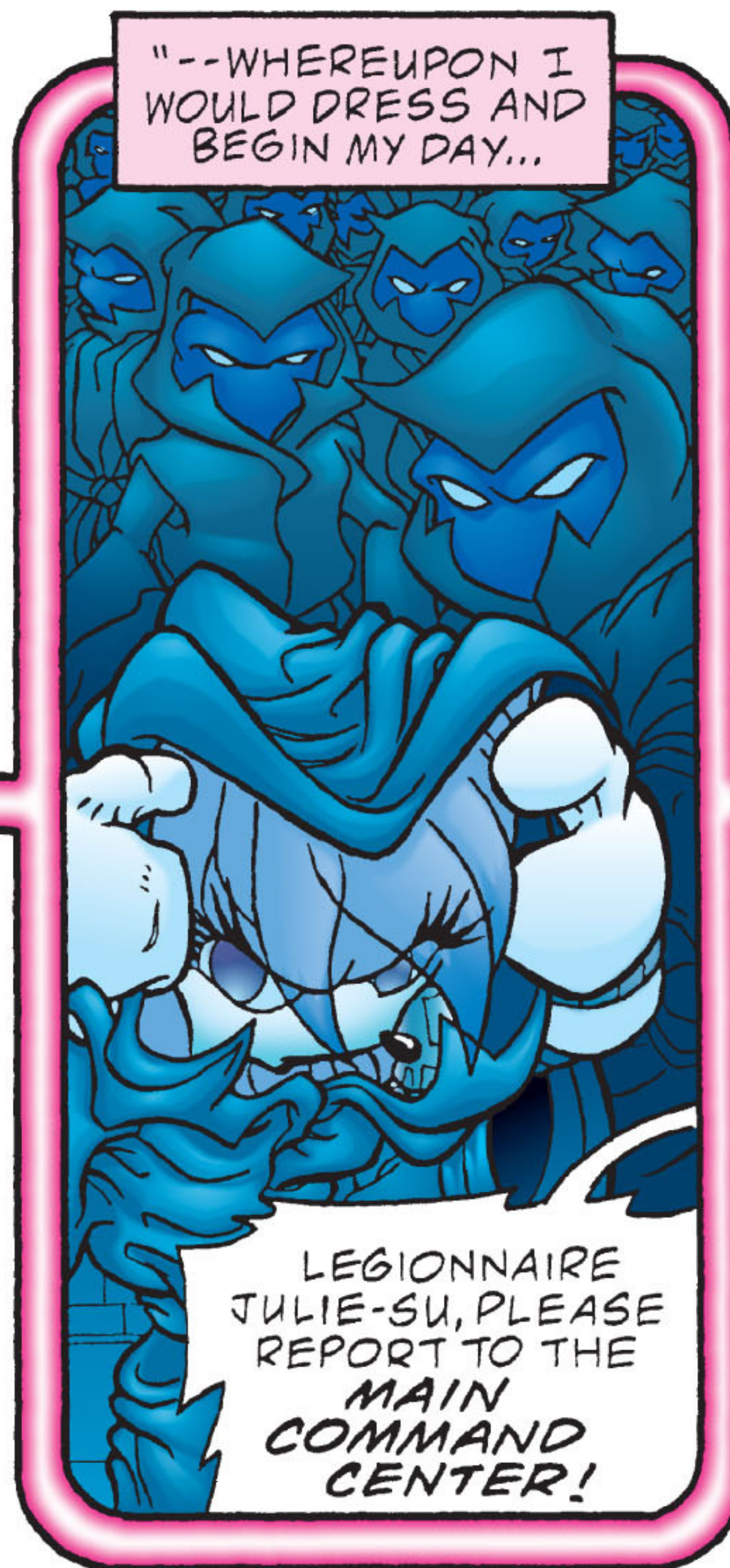
I KNOW IT'S
NOT MUCH TO
LOOK AT--



"--BUT IT'S FUNNY
LOOKING AT THE
SPOT WHERE I USED
TO REST SIX HOURS--

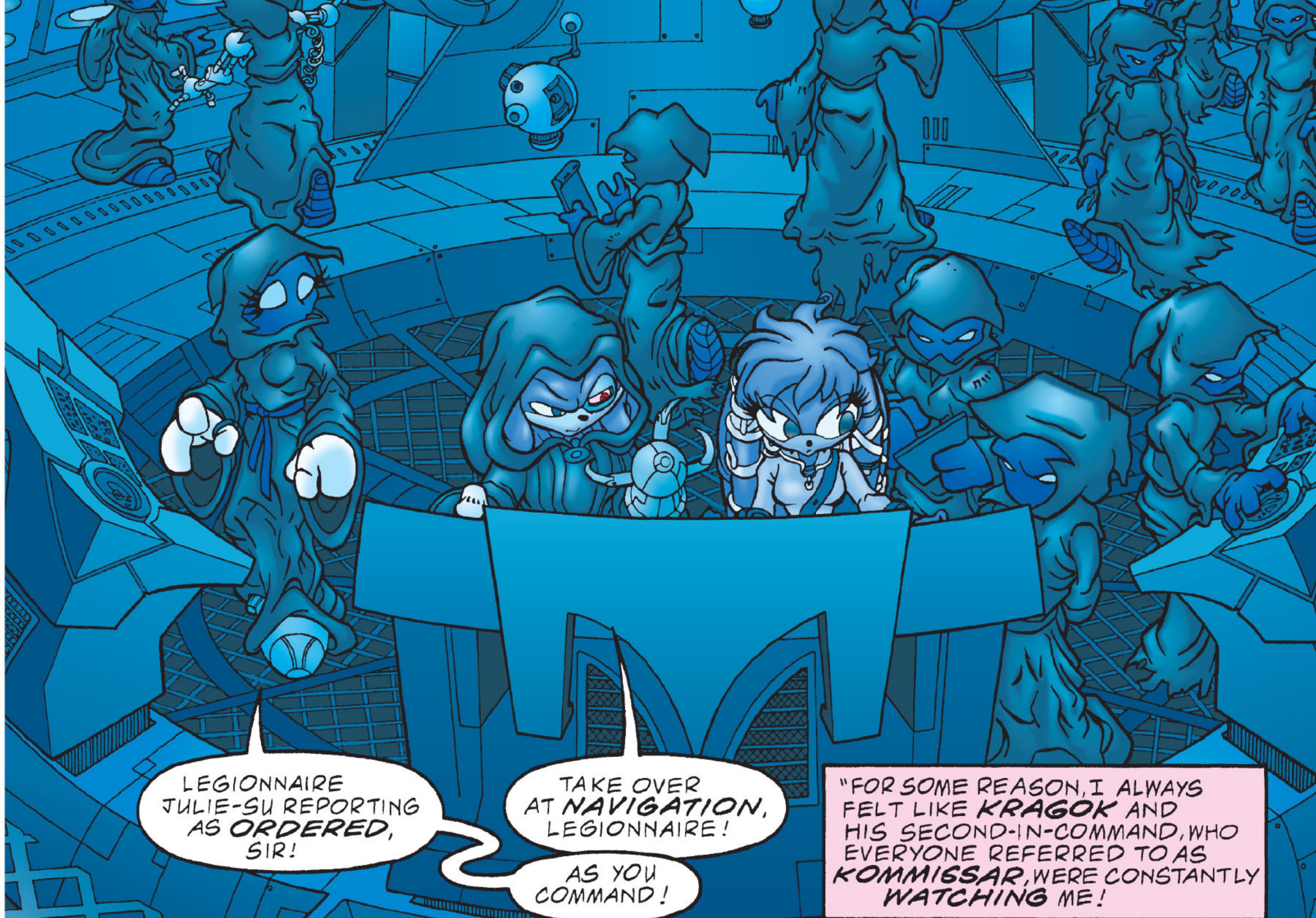


"--THEN WAKE EVERY
MORNING AT PRECISELY
6AM FOR MY **SONIC
SHOWER--**



"--WHEREUPON I
WOULD DRESS AND
BEGIN MY DAY...

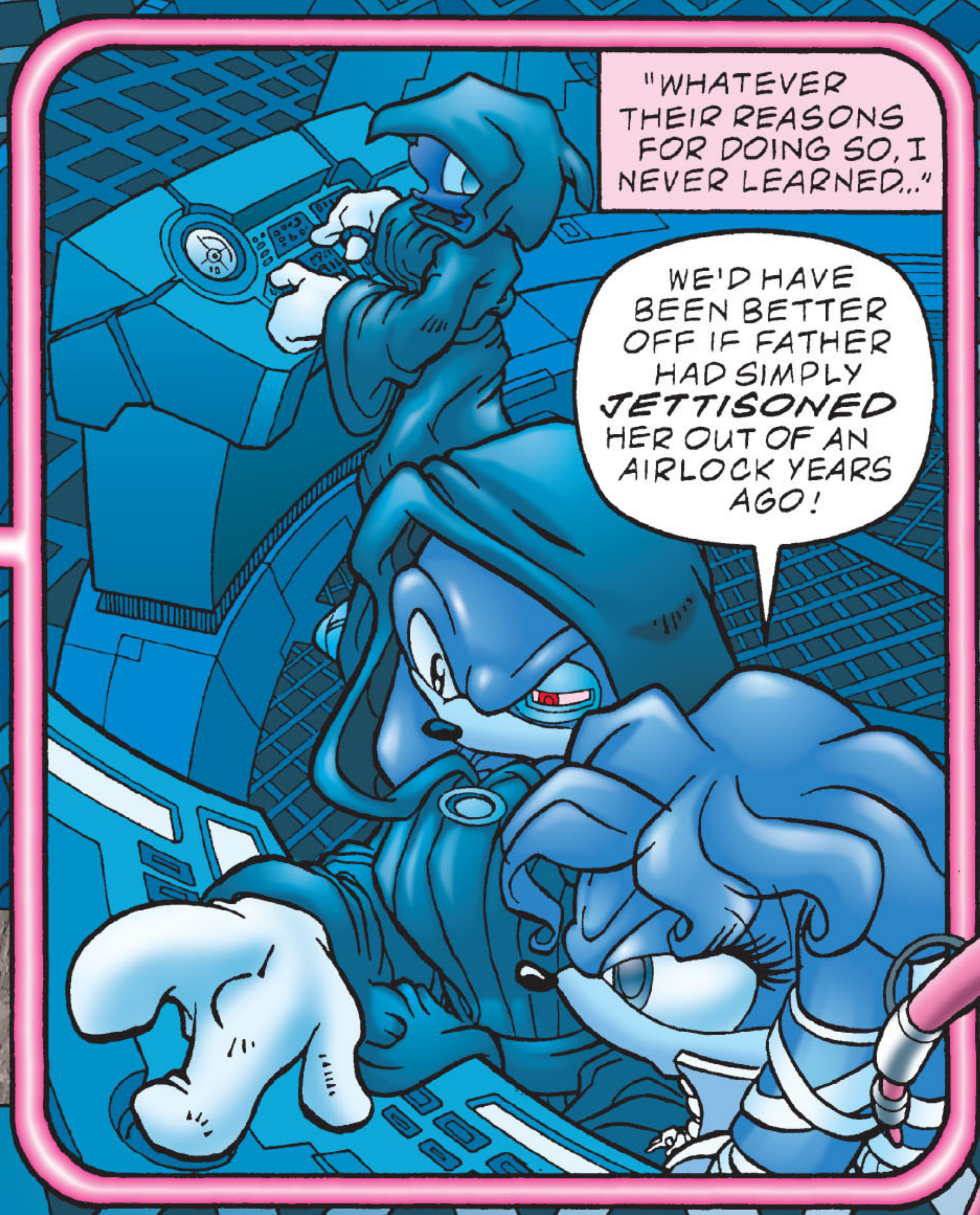
LEGIONNAIRE
JULIE-SU, PLEASE
REPORT TO THE
**MAIN
COMMAND
CENTER!**



LEGIONNAIRE
JULIE-SU REPORTING
AS **ORDERED**,
SIR!

TAKE OVER
AT **NAVIGATION**,
LEGIONNAIRE!
AS YOU
COMMAND!

"FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS
FELT LIKE **KRAGOK** AND
HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, WHO
EVERYONE REFERRED TO AS
KOMMISSAR, WERE CONSTANTLY
WATCHING ME!"



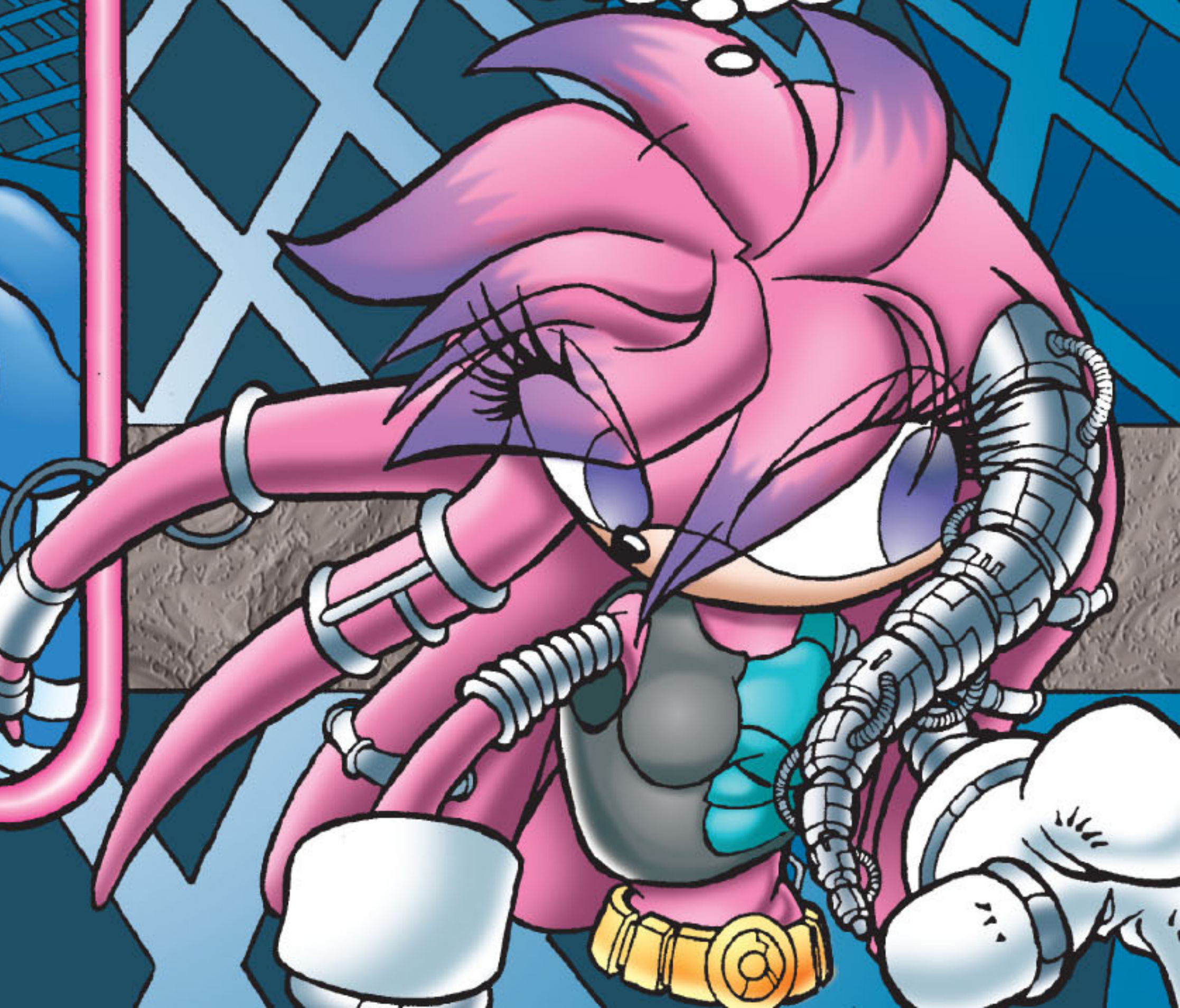
"WHATEVER
THEIR REASONS
FOR DOING SO, I
NEVER LEARNED..."

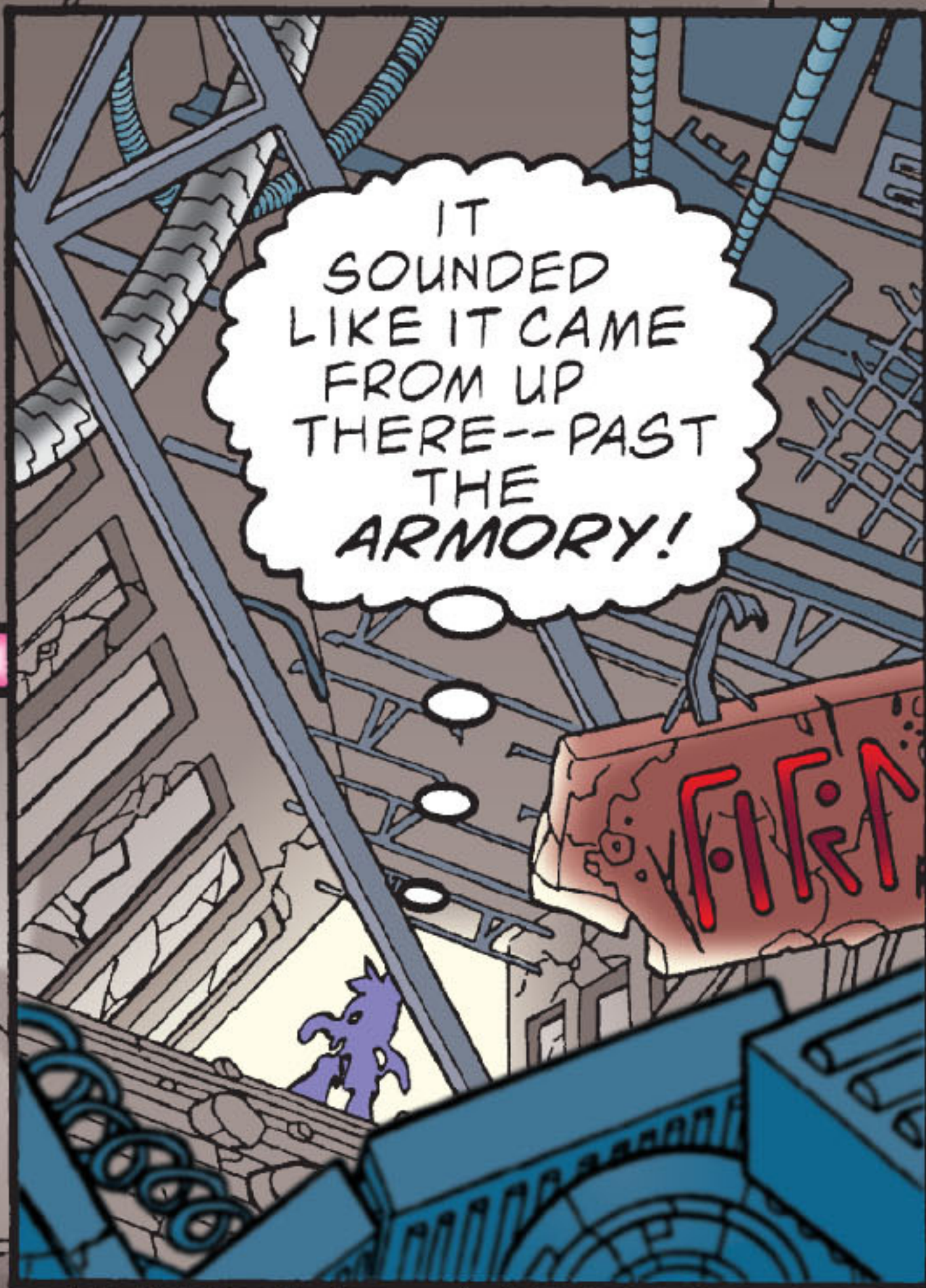
WE'D HAVE
BEEN BETTER
OFF IF FATHER
HAD SIMPLY
JETTISONED
HER OUT OF AN
AIRLOCK YEARS
AGO!

FHHUUUMMM

HOLD IT!
THAT SOUNDED
LIKE A DOOR
SLIDING
OPEN!

COULD SOME-
ONE ELSE BE
LURKING AROUND
AS WELL?





IT
SOUNDED
LIKE IT CAME
FROM UP
THERE--PAST
THE
ARMORY!



"I WAS OUTFITTED WITH
MY **TASER** IN THERE
JUST BEFORE KNUCKLES
HIT THE SCENE!"

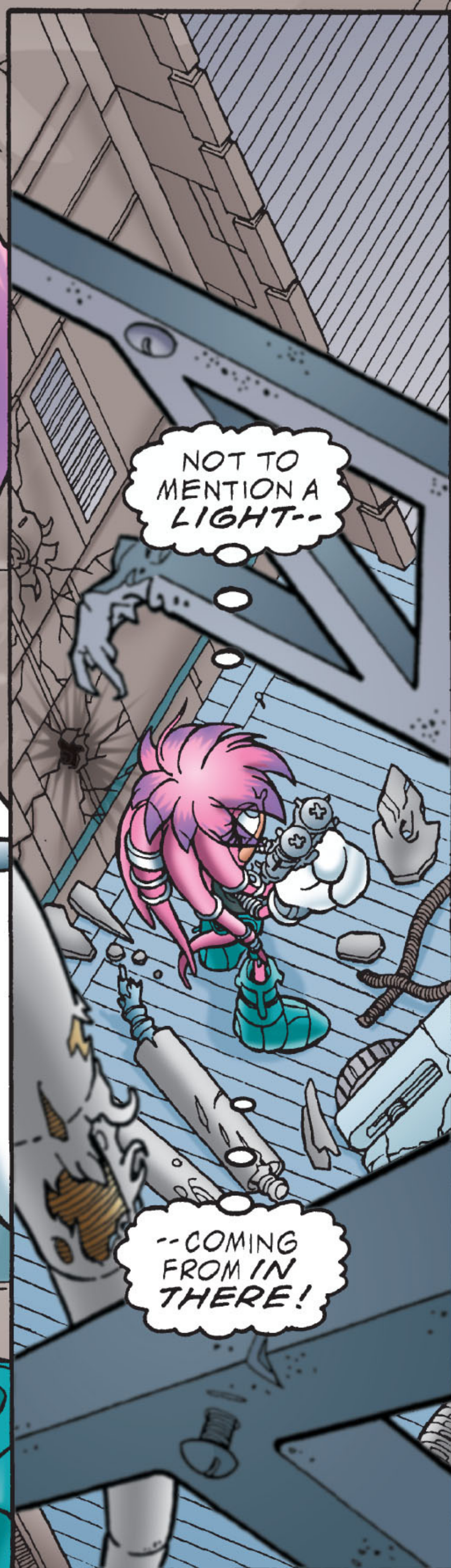


CONSIDERING
I SHOULD BE THE
ONLY ONE HERE,
A **PRECAUTION**
OR TWO SHOULDN'T
HURT!



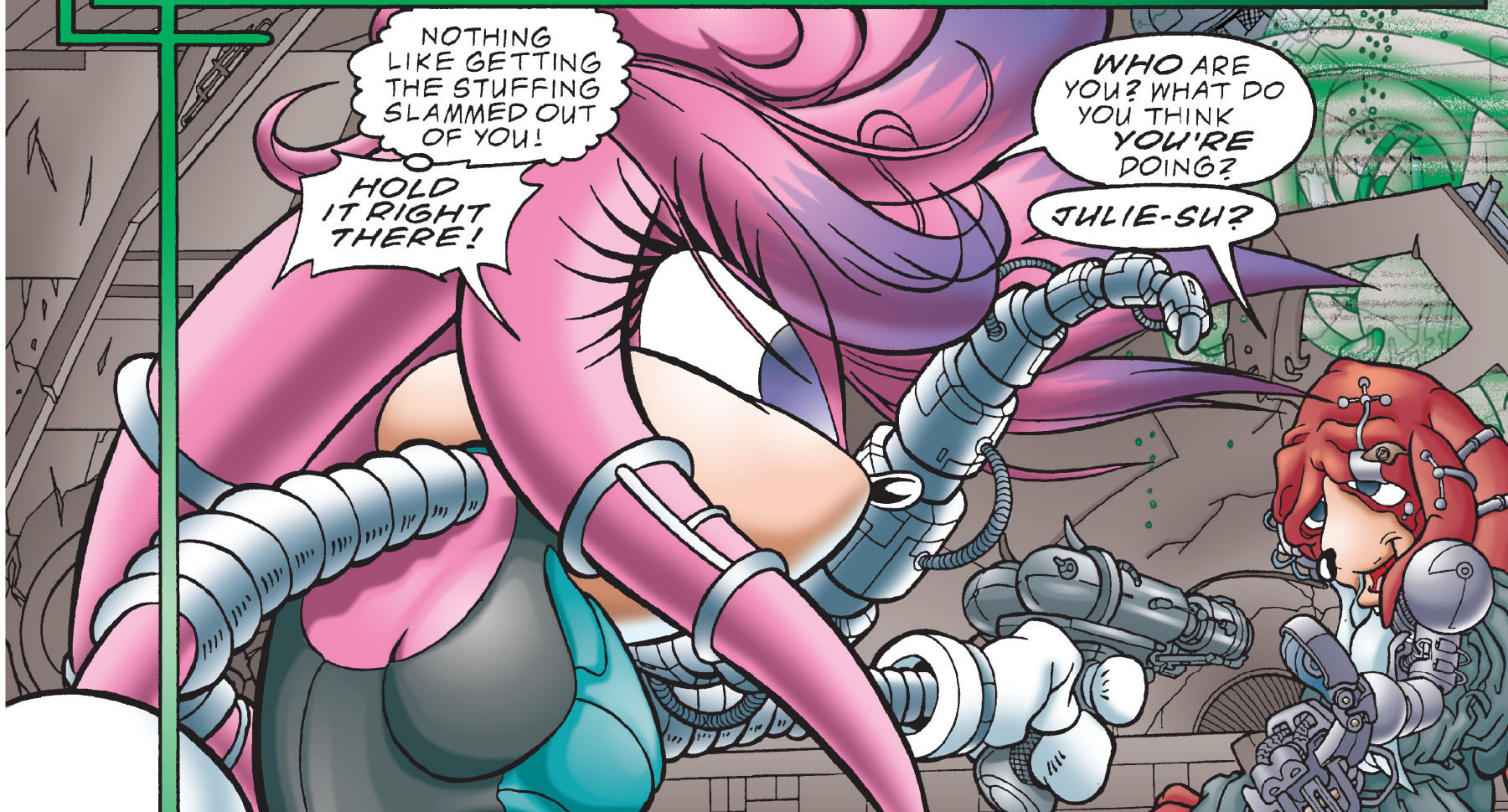
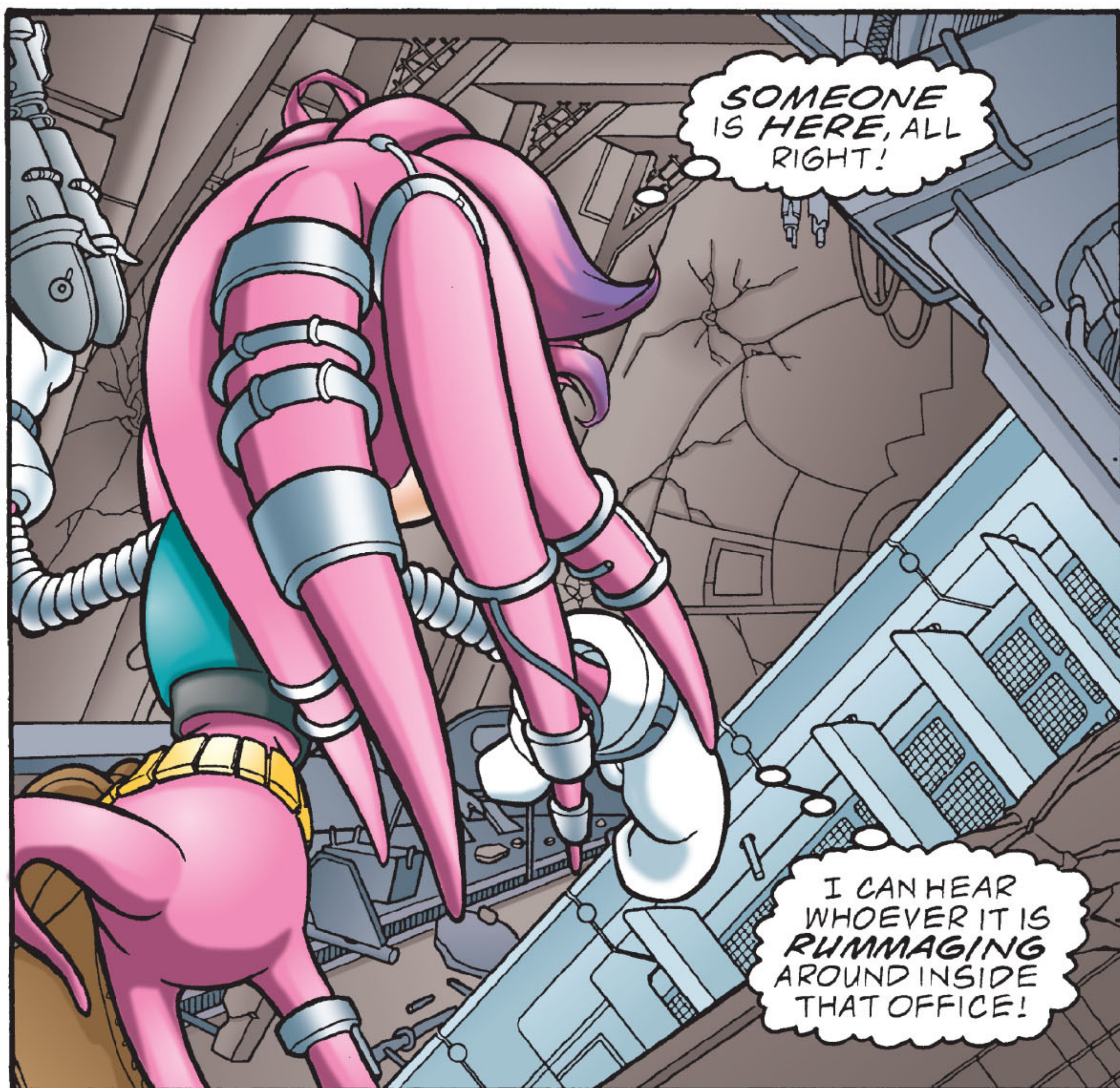
WELL,
I'LL BE--

FOOTSTEPS
COMING FROM
DOWN THIS
CORRIDOR!



NOT TO
MENTION A
LIGHT--

--COMING
FROM **IN**
THERE!



WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

JULIE-SU?

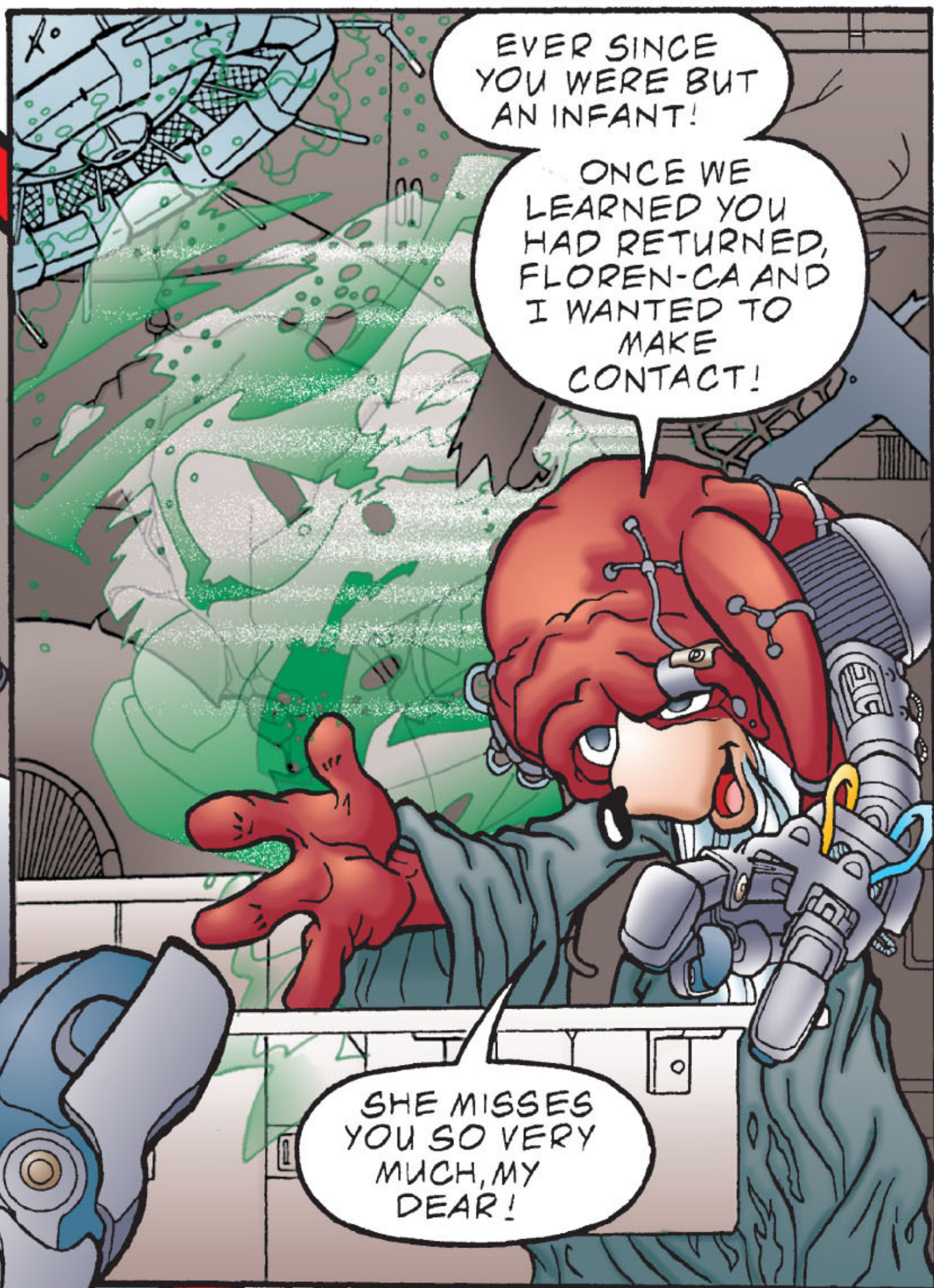


YOU DON'T **REMEMBER** ME, DO YOU, CHILD? MY NAME IS **SIMON!**

Ahh, I'M NOT SURPRISED, AS I DIDN'T HAVE AS MUCH CONTACT WITH YOU AS MY DARLING **FLOREN-CA!**

KRAGOK SAW TO THAT!

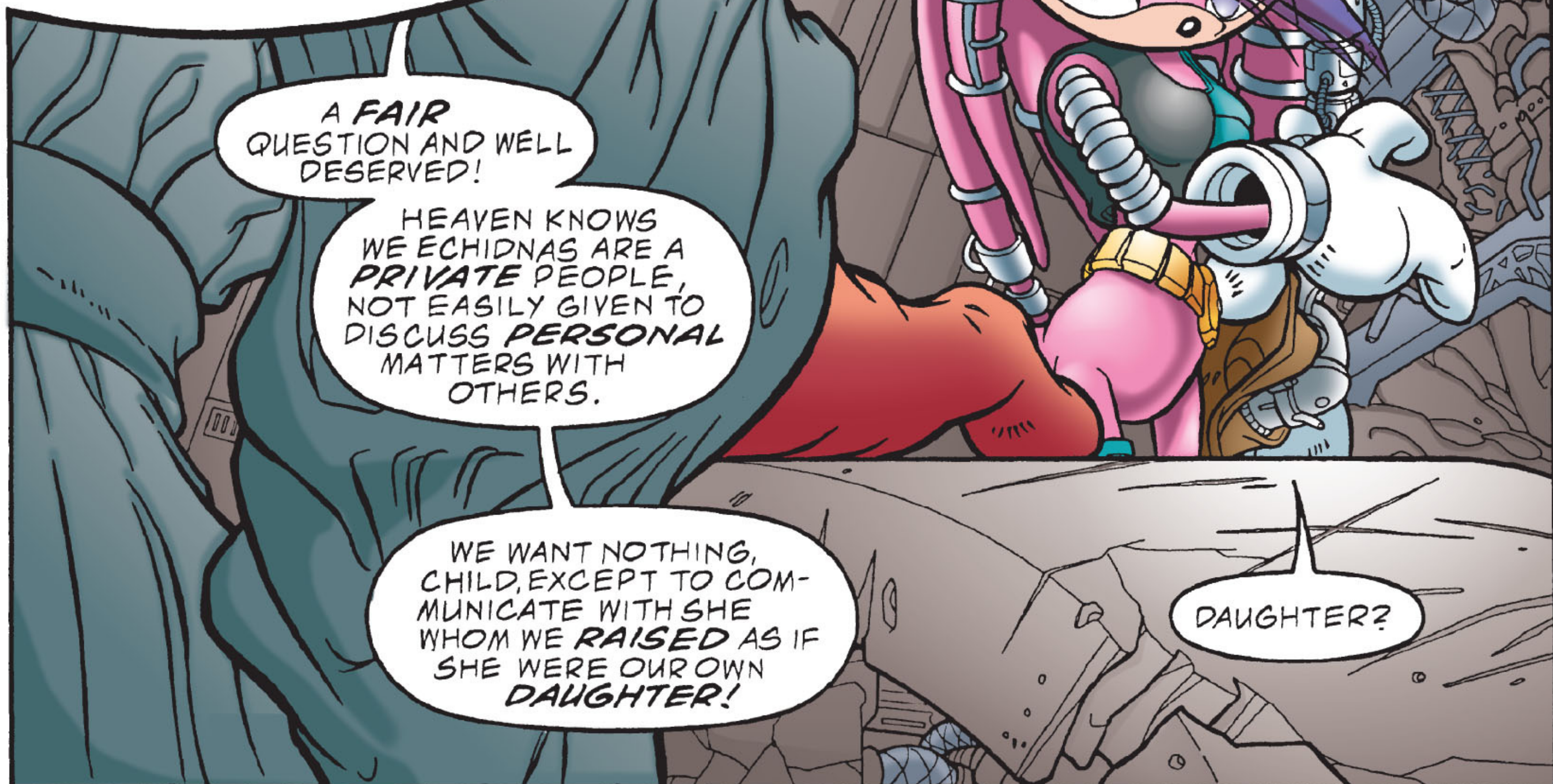
YOU **KNOW** ME?



EVER SINCE YOU WERE BUT AN INFANT!

ONCE WE LEARNED YOU HAD RETURNED, **FLOREN-CA** AND I WANTED TO MAKE CONTACT!

SHE MISSES YOU SO VERY MUCH, MY DEAR!



A **FAIR** QUESTION AND WELL DESERVED!

HEAVEN KNOWS WE ECHIDNAS ARE A **PRIVATE** PEOPLE, NOT EASILY GIVEN TO DISCUSS **PERSONAL** MATTERS WITH OTHERS.

WE WANT NOTHING, CHILD, EXCEPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH SHE WHOM WE **RAISED** AS IF SHE WERE OUR OWN **DAUGHTER!**

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE TELLING THE **TRUTH?**

DAUGHTER?

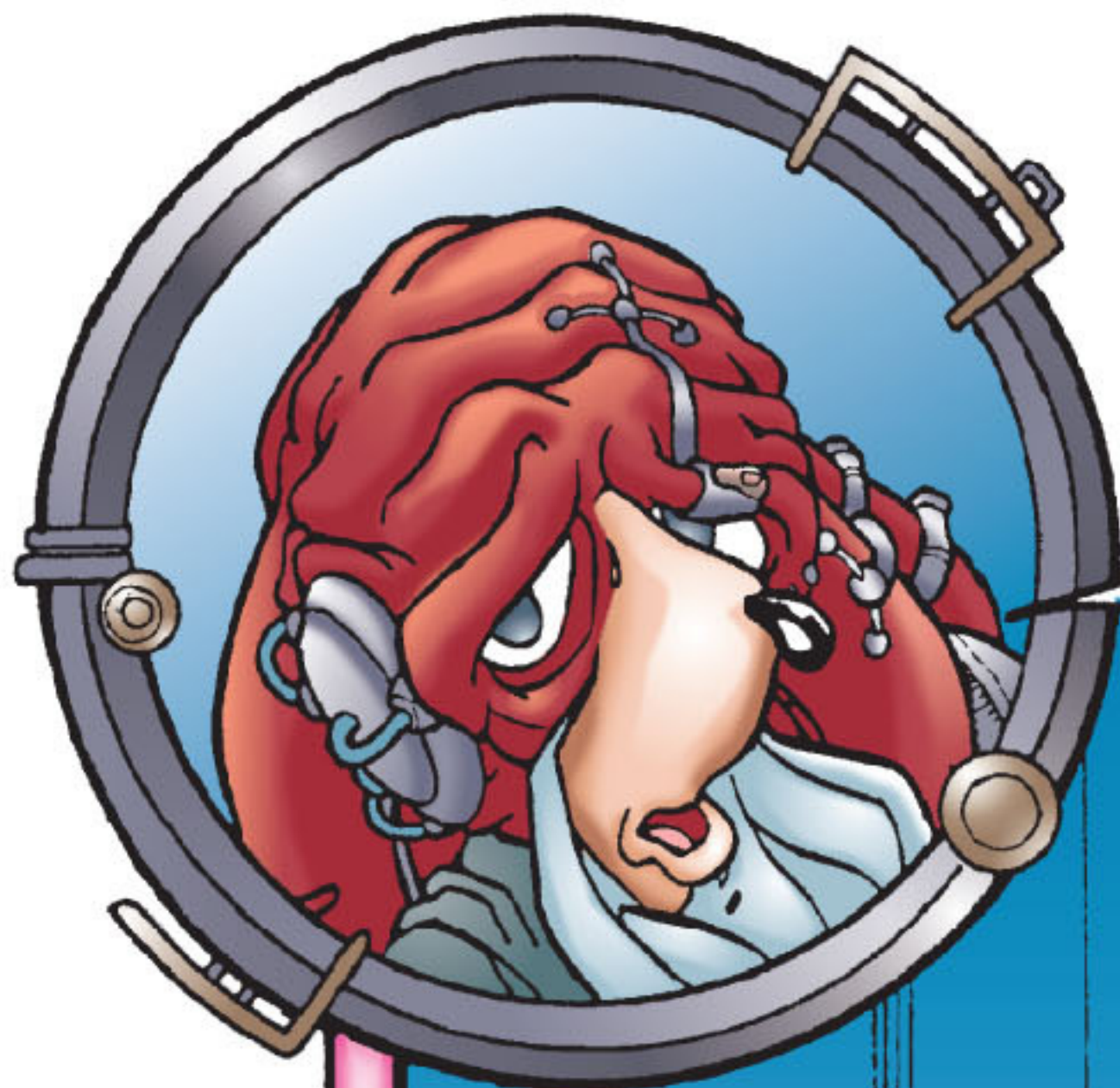
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE MY **FATHER?**

NO, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL BE.

CONSIDERING THE LOT YOU WERE BORN INTO, IT'S A WONDER YOU TURNED OUT AS WELL AS YOU DID!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT **ME?**

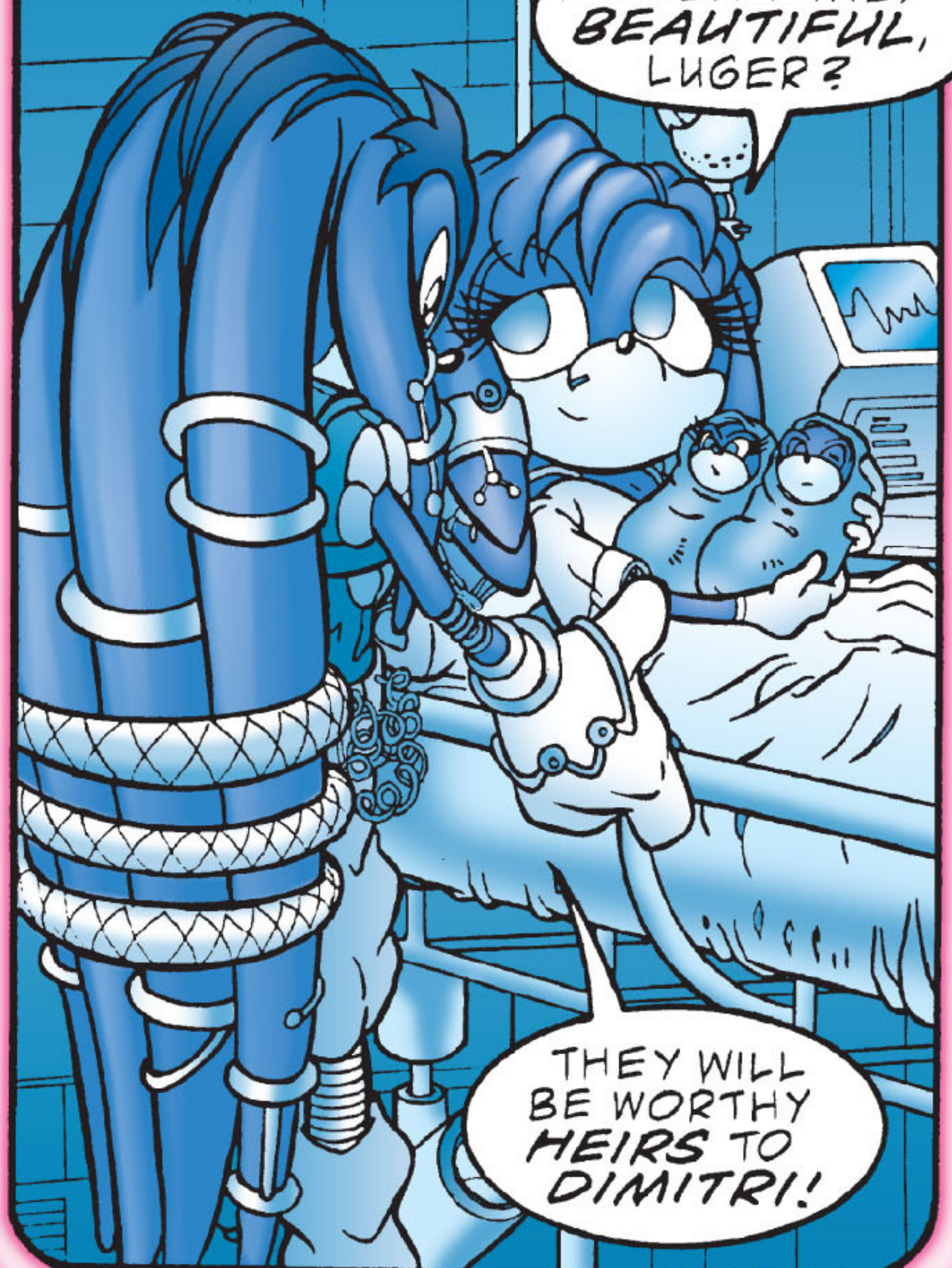
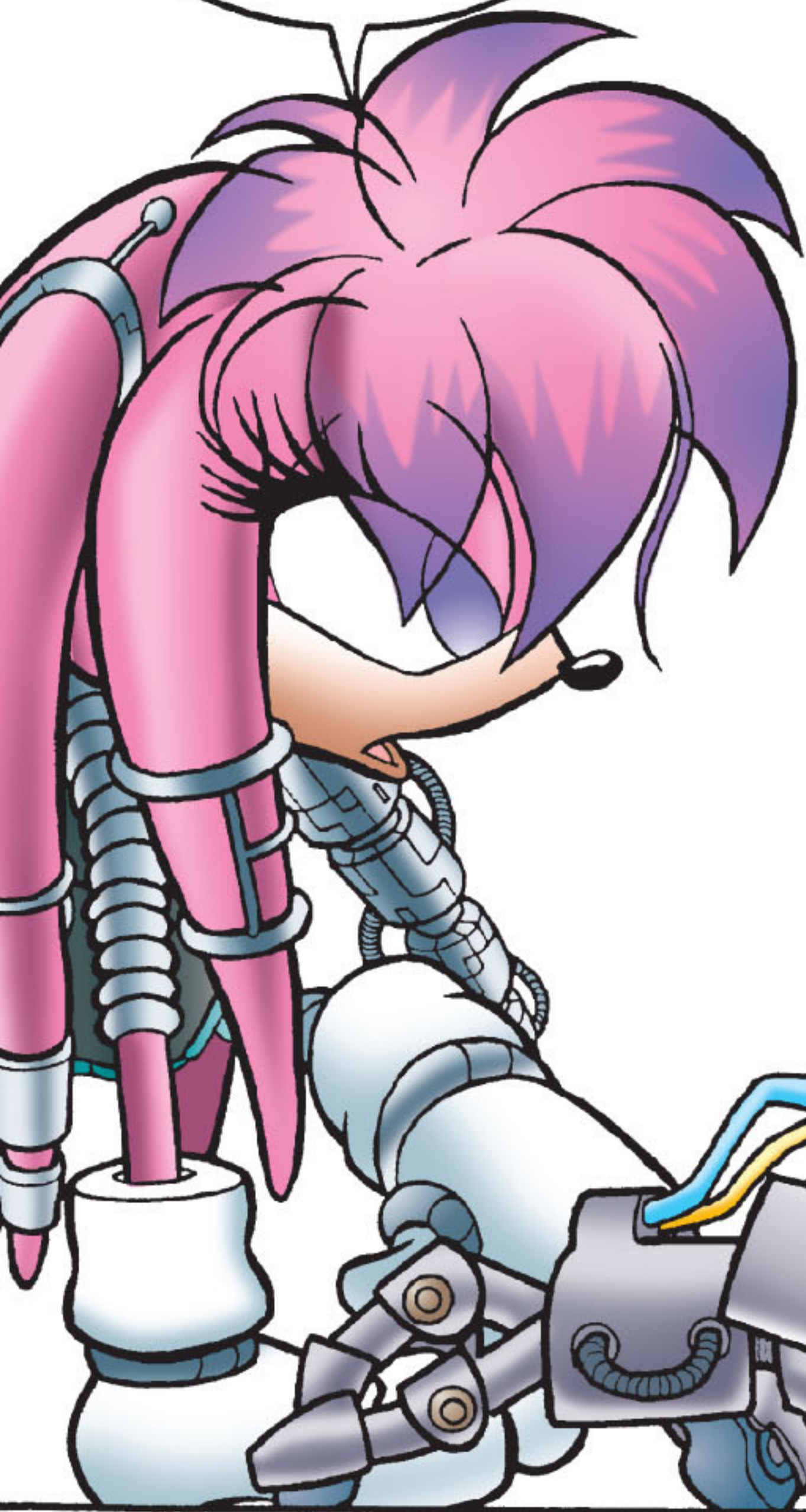
MORE THAN SOME PEOPLE WISH I DID!



OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO **OUR TIME** MORITORI REX'S SON **LUGER** TOOK A BRIDE, THE FAIR **MERIN-DA** AND BEFORE LONG SHE BORE HIM THEIR **TWIN** CHILDREN, **KRAGOK** AND **LIEN-DA...**

AREN'T THEY **BEAUTIFUL**, LUGER?

THEY WILL BE WORTHY **HEIRS** TO **DIMITRI!**



"WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE ROUGHLY EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, THE PORTAL BETWEEN THE ZONE **STEPPENWOLF** EXILED OUR KIND TO AND THE **FLOATING ISLAND** OPENED UP...

WE ARE **FREE** ONCE MORE, MY CHILDREN!

FREE TO **RECLAIM** WHAT SHOULD BE **OURS!**



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE **ENVIRONMENT** WOULD PROVE MOST **INHOSPITABLE** TO **MERIN-DA...**

I NEED TO **REST**, LUGER!

I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M **BURNING UP!**

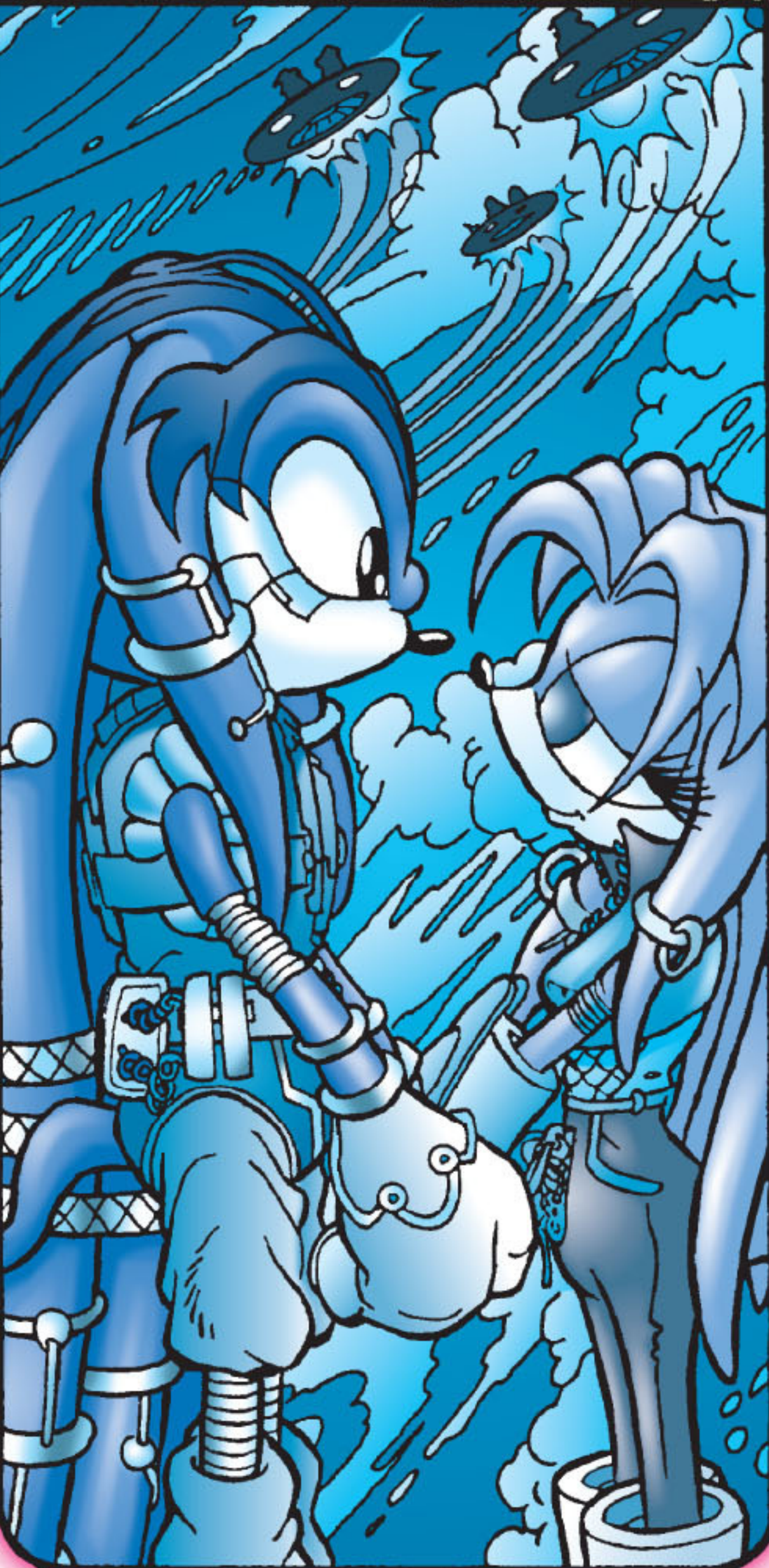


"FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE **DARK LEGION** RETURNED WILLINGLY TO THE ZONE, BUT TO NO AVAIL.

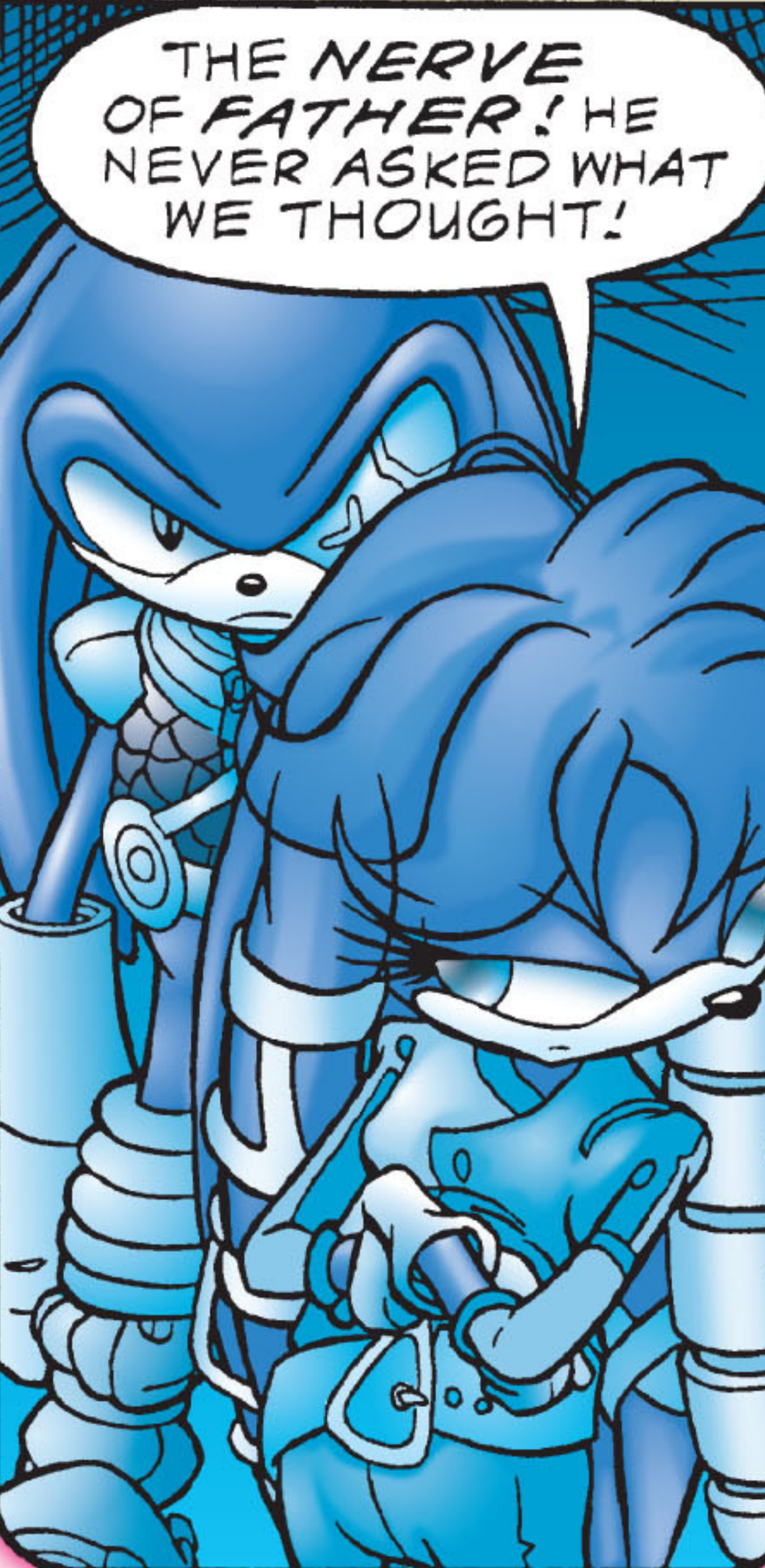
"MERIN-DA STILL **SUC-CUMBED** TO WHATEVER AILED HER AND PASSED INTO THE REALM **BEYOND...**



"SEVERAL YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE LUGER RECOVERED FROM HIS LOSS, BUT WHEN HE DID, HE ALSO FOUND THE FAIR **MARI-SU**, WHO WOULD PROVE VERY MUCH TO BE EVERY BIT AS CAPABLE AS HE...

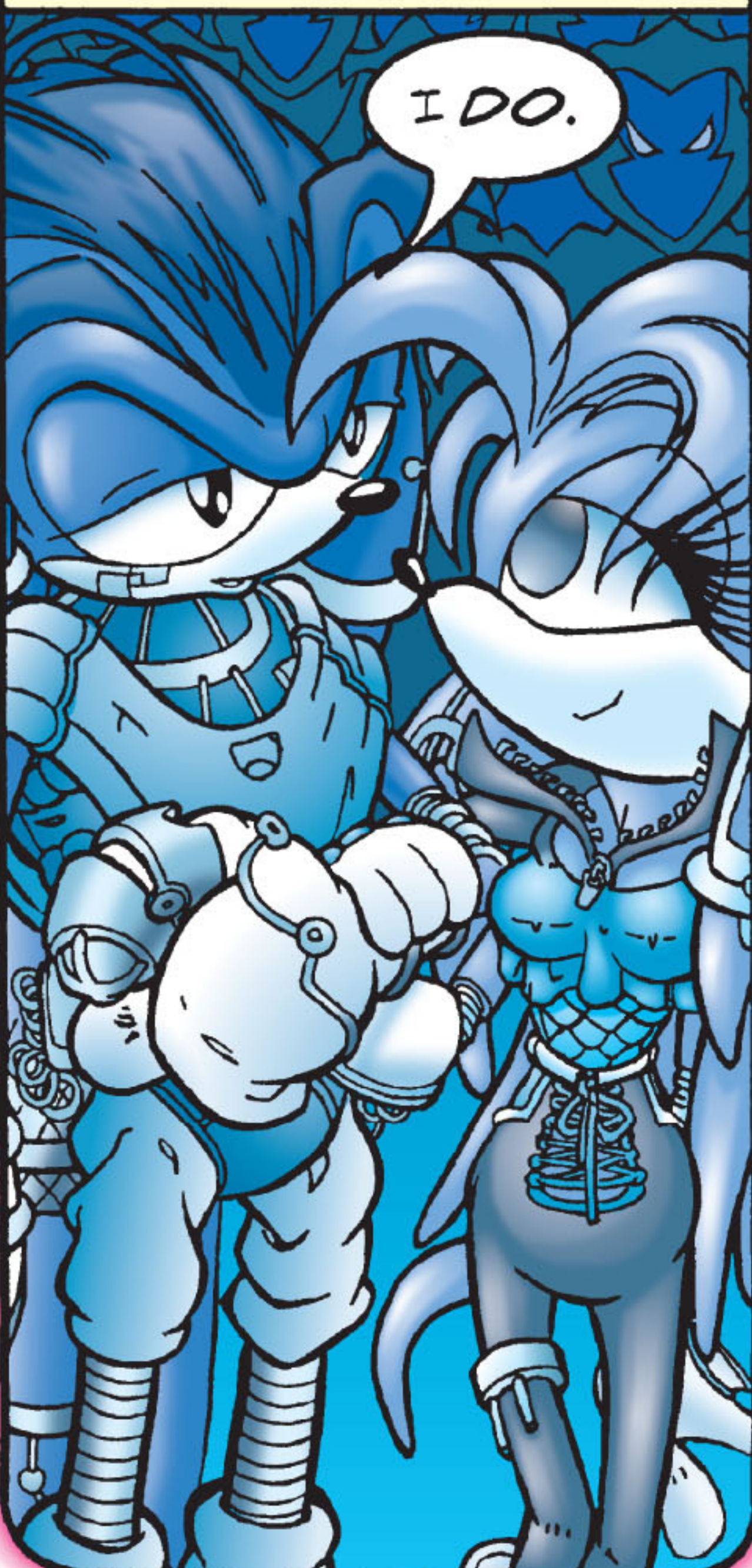


"WHILE LUGER MAY HAVE VIEWED HER AS A POTENTIAL **MATE** AND **PARTNER**, OTHERS--MORE SPECIFICALLY **KRAGOK** AND **LEIN-DA**, ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AT THIS POINT--SAW **MARI-SU** AS A **THREAT** TO THEIR OWN AMBITIONS...



THE **NERVE** OF **FATHER**! HE NEVER ASKED WHAT WE THOUGHT!

"IF HE WAS **DIS-PLEASED** WITH HIS CHILDREN'S REACTION LUGER NEVER BETRAYED ANY **OUTWARD** SIGNS, ESPECIALLY ON THE DAY HE TOOK **MARI-SU** TO BE HIS **WIFE**...



I DO.

"A YEAR OR SO LATER **YOU** WERE **BORN**...

DON'T CRY, **JULIE-SU**!

DADDY WILL BE HERE AS SOON AS HE FINISHES WORK!

"I TELL YOU, MY DEAR, IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO SEE YOU GROWING UP, ESPECIALLY AS A **TODDLER**!

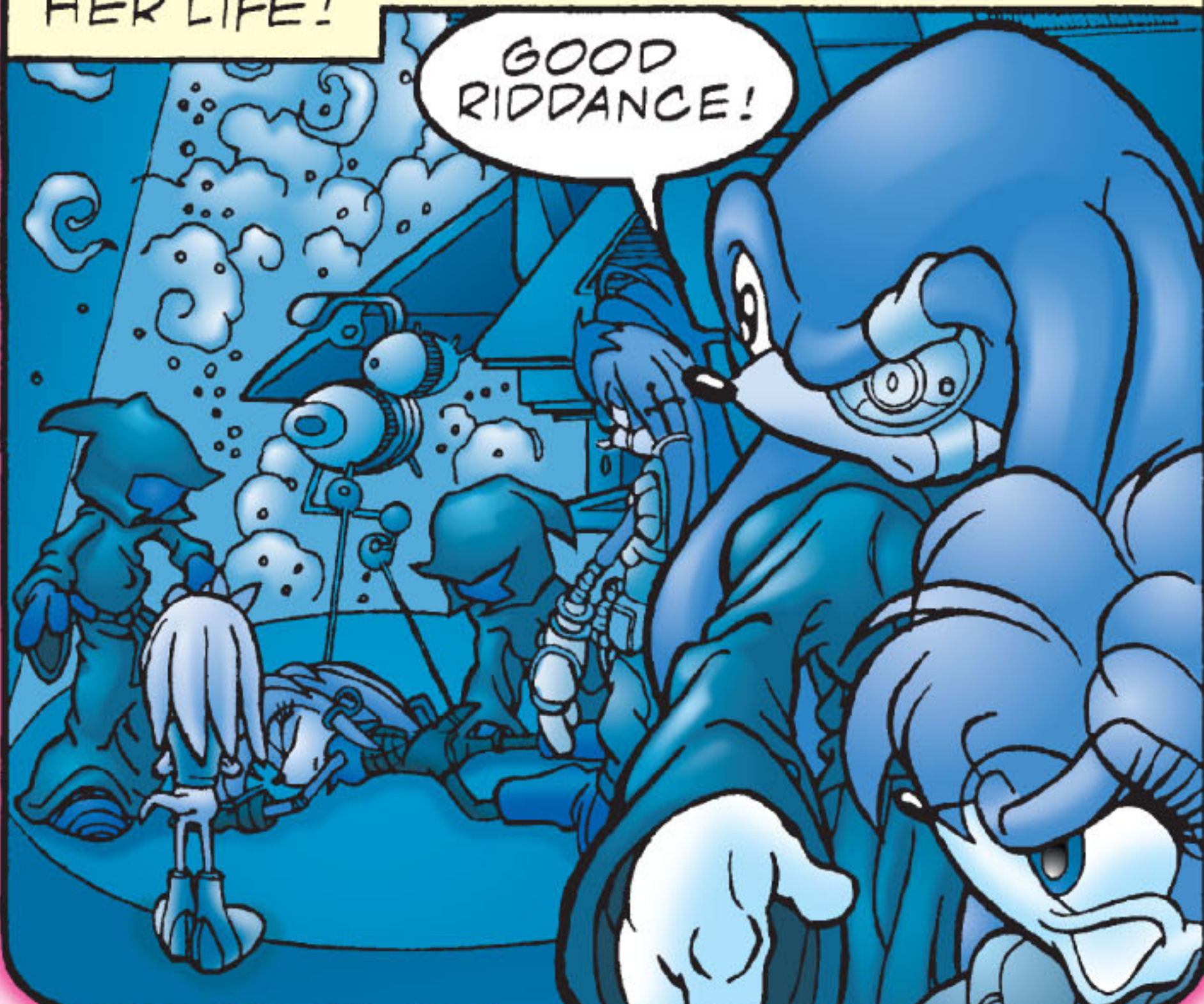
"THERE YOU WERE, WANTING SO BADLY TO PLAY WITH YOUR **HALF-BROTHER** AND **HALF-SISTER**--

--ONLY TO BE **COMPLETELY** IGNORED AND **SHUNNED** BY THEM!

"JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY **WORSE** FOR YOU--

"--THAT'S WHEN MARI-SU MET WITH A TRAGIC **ACCIDENT** WHICH CLAIMED HER LIFE!

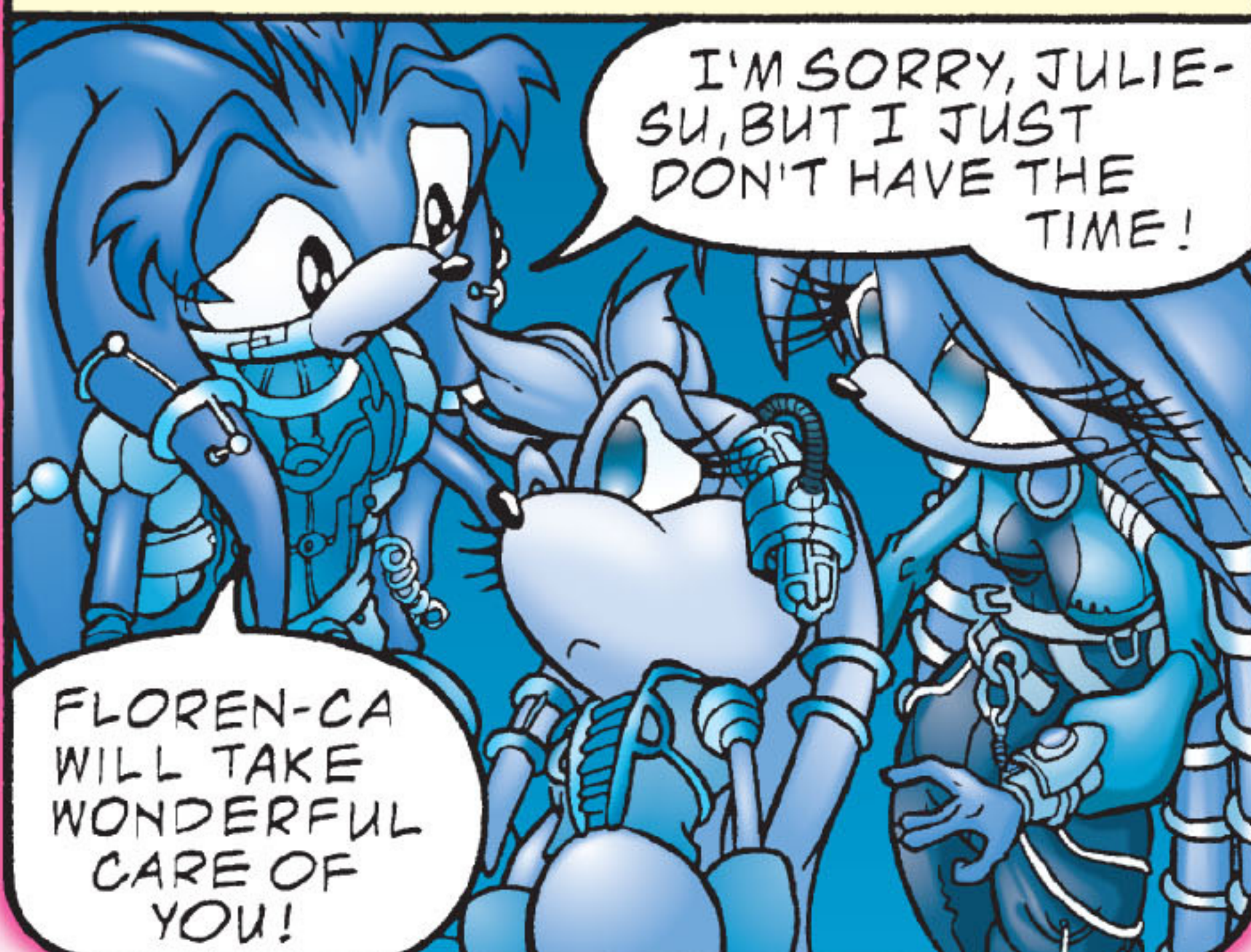
GOOD RIDDANCE!



"LUGER DIDN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT RAISING A CHILD, SO HE ENTRUSTED YOU INTO THE CARE OF MY WIFE **FLOREN-CA**...

I'M SORRY, JULIE-SU, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!

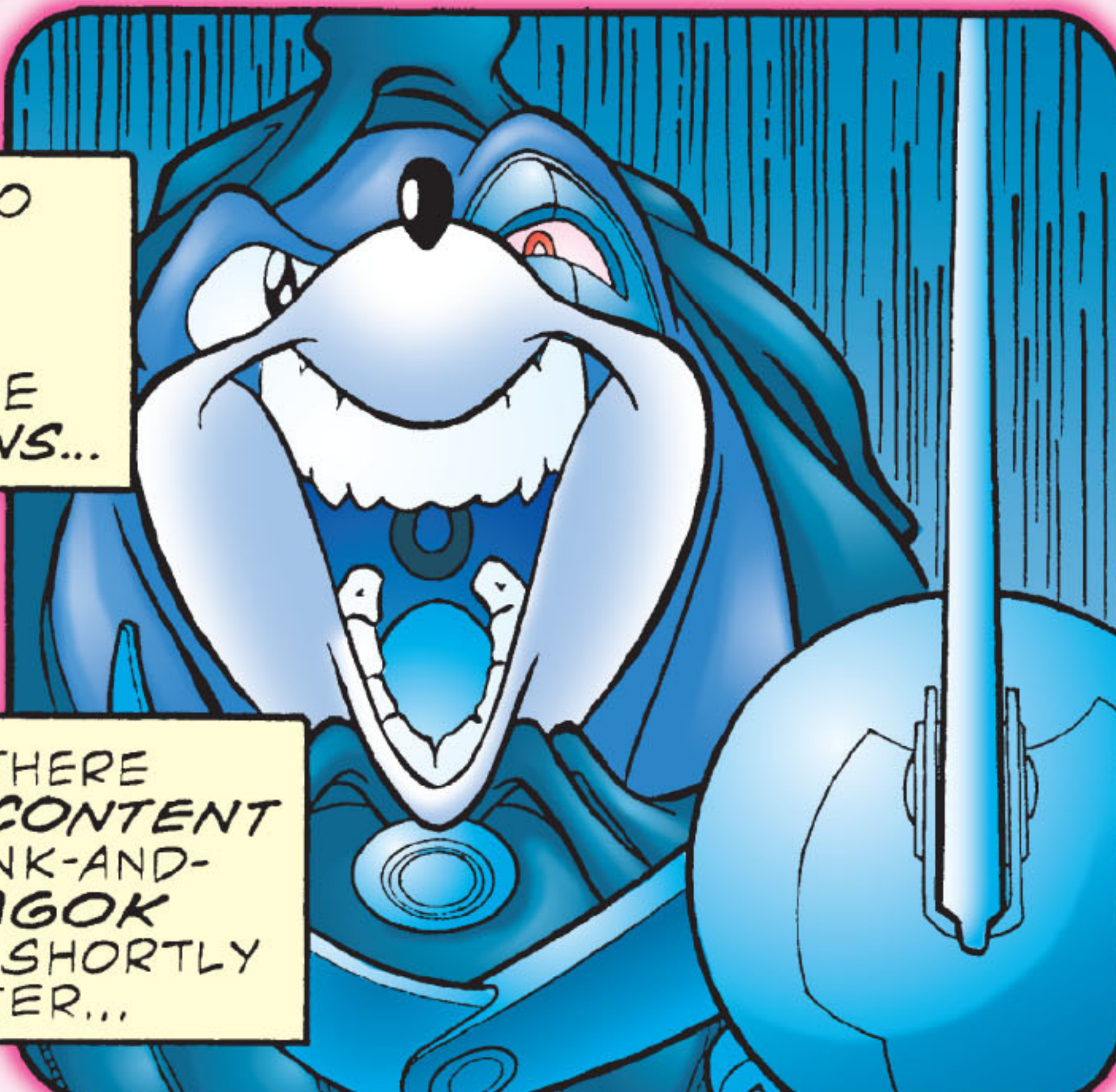
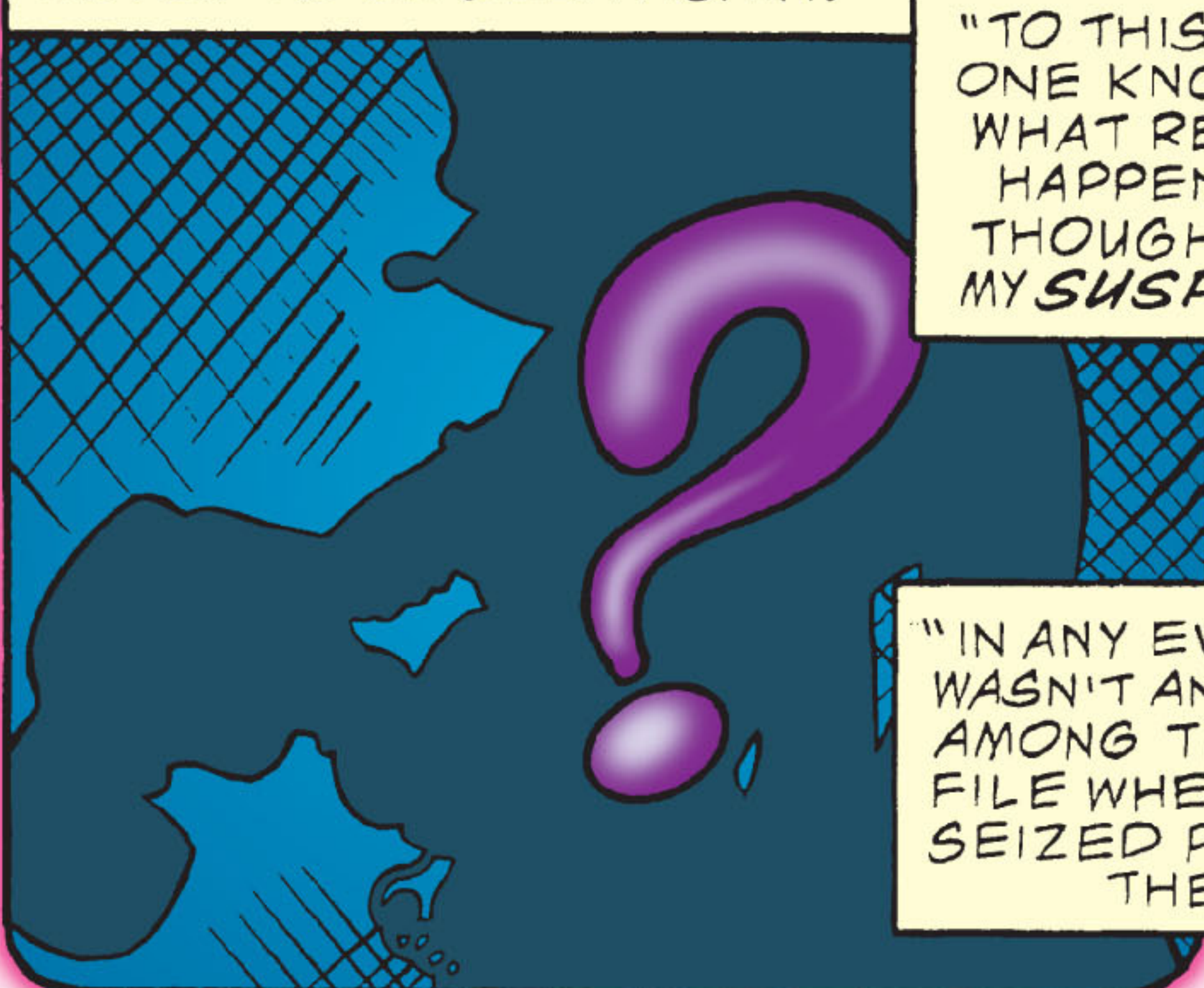
FLOREN-CA WILL TAKE WONDERFUL CARE OF YOU!



"NOT LONG AFTER, LUGER **DIS-APPEARED** WITHOUT A TRACE, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

"TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, THOUGH I HAVE MY **SUSPICIONS**...

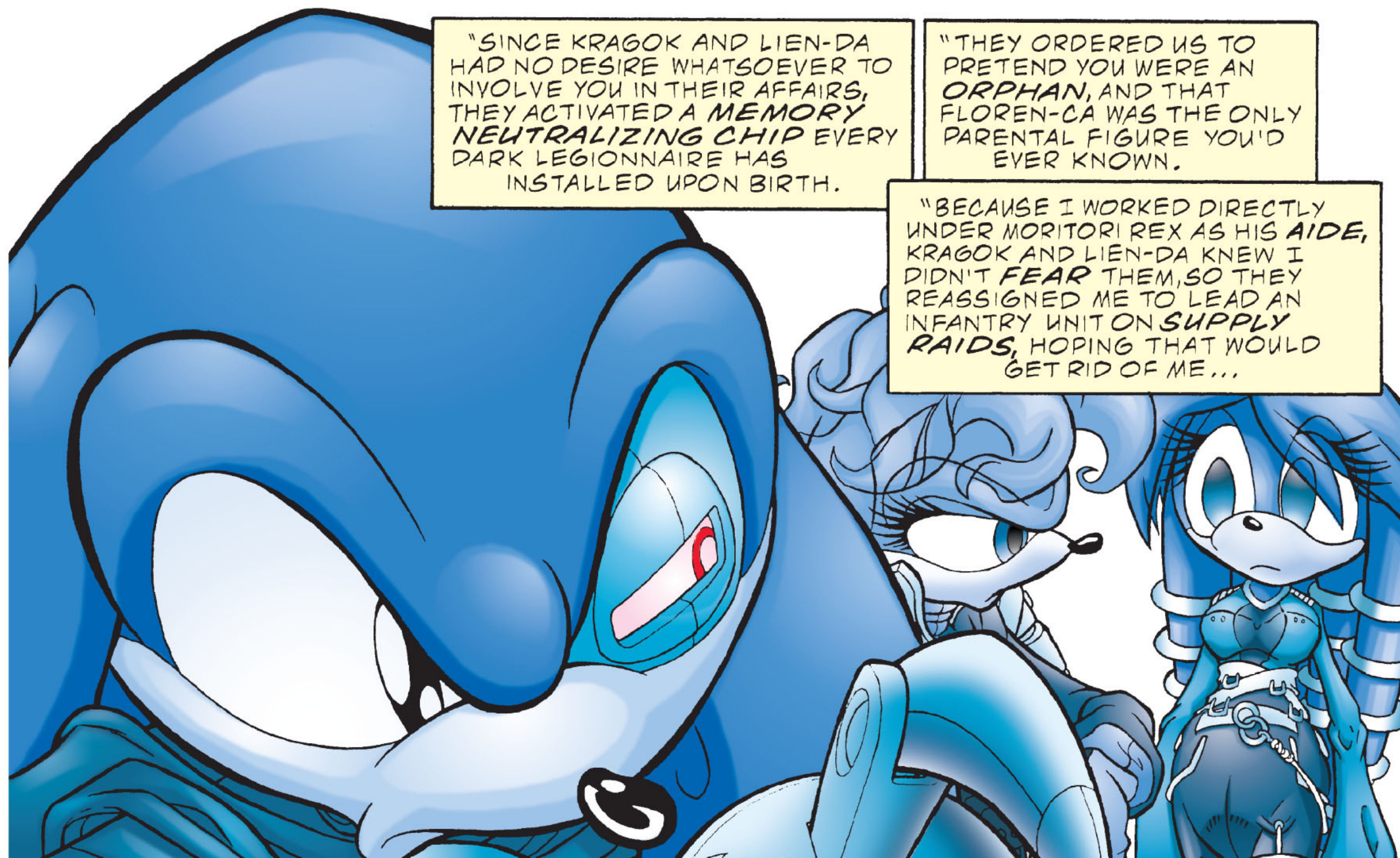
"IN ANY EVENT, THERE WASN'T ANY **DISCONTENT** AMONG THE RANK-AND-FILE WHEN **KRAGOK** SEIZED POWER SHORTLY THEREAFTER...

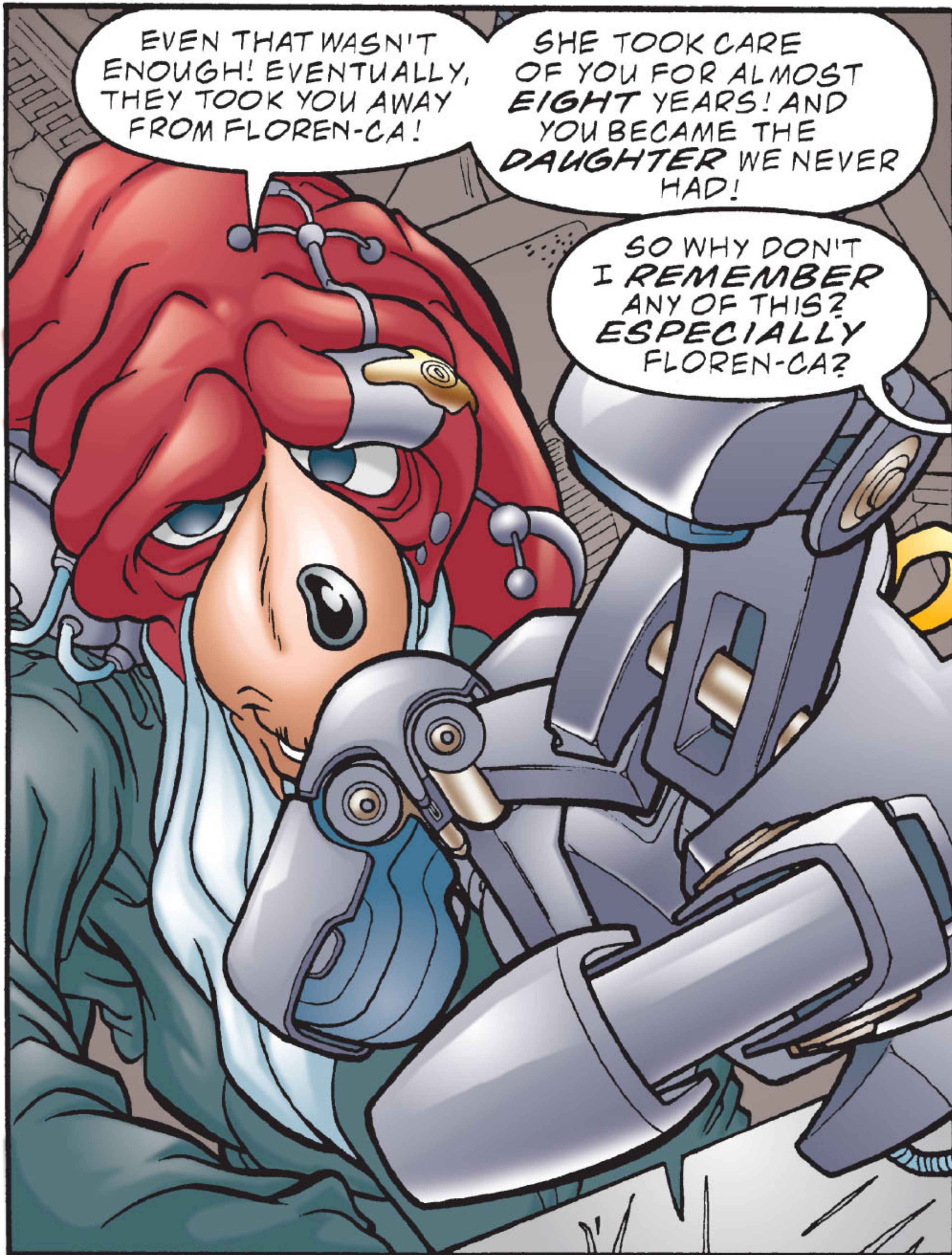


"SINCE KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA HAD NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER TO INVOLVE YOU IN THEIR AFFAIRS, THEY ACTIVATED A **MEMORY NEUTRALIZING CHIP** EVERY DARK LEGIONNAIRE HAS INSTALLED UPON BIRTH.

"THEY ORDERED US TO PRETEND YOU WERE AN **ORPHAN**, AND THAT FLOREN-CA WAS THE ONLY PARENTAL FIGURE YOU'D EVER KNOWN.

"BECAUSE I WORKED DIRECTLY UNDER MORITORI REX AS HIS **AIDE**, KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA KNEW I DIDN'T **FEAR** THEM, SO THEY REASSIGNED ME TO LEAD AN INFANTRY UNIT ON **SUPPLY RAIDS**, HOPING THAT WOULD GET RID OF ME...

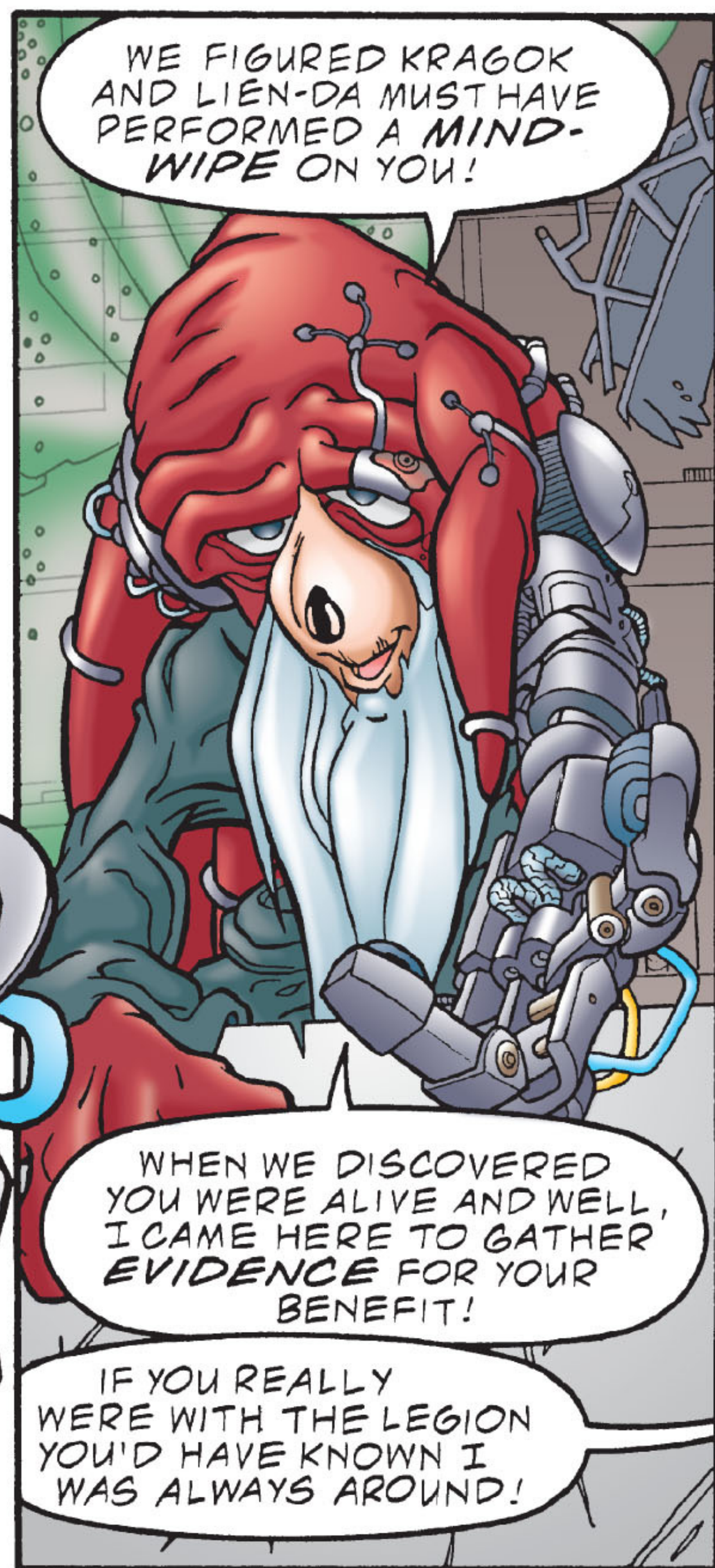




EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH! EVENTUALLY, THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM FLOREN-CA!

SHE TOOK CARE OF YOU FOR ALMOST **EIGHT YEARS!** AND YOU BECAME THE **DAUGHTER** WE NEVER HAD!

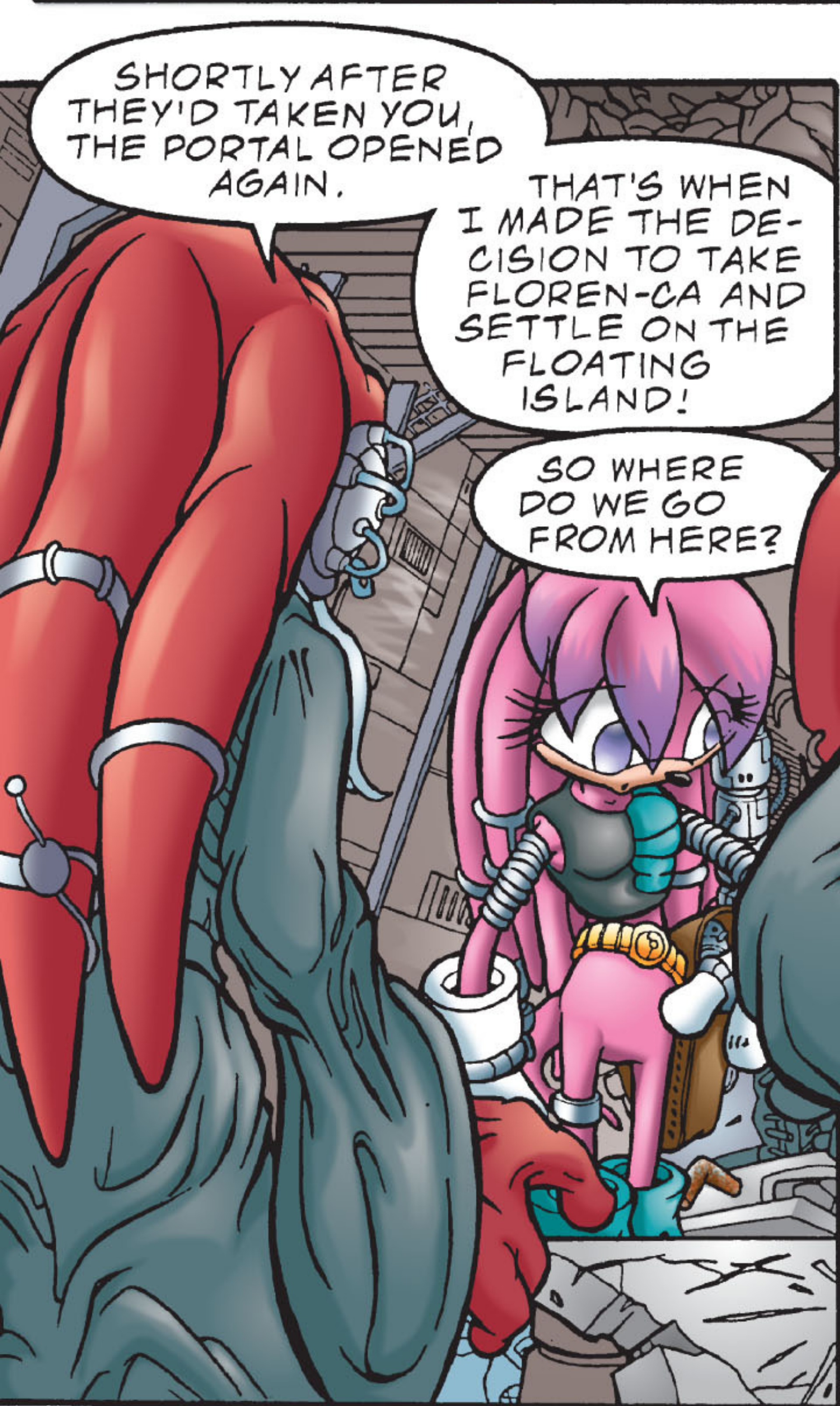
SO WHY DON'T I **REMEMBER** ANY OF THIS? **ESPECIALLY** FLOREN-CA?



WE FIGURED KRAKOK AND LIEN-DA MUST HAVE PERFORMED A **MIND-WIPE** ON YOU!

WHEN WE DISCOVERED YOU WERE ALIVE AND WELL, I CAME HERE TO GATHER **EVIDENCE** FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

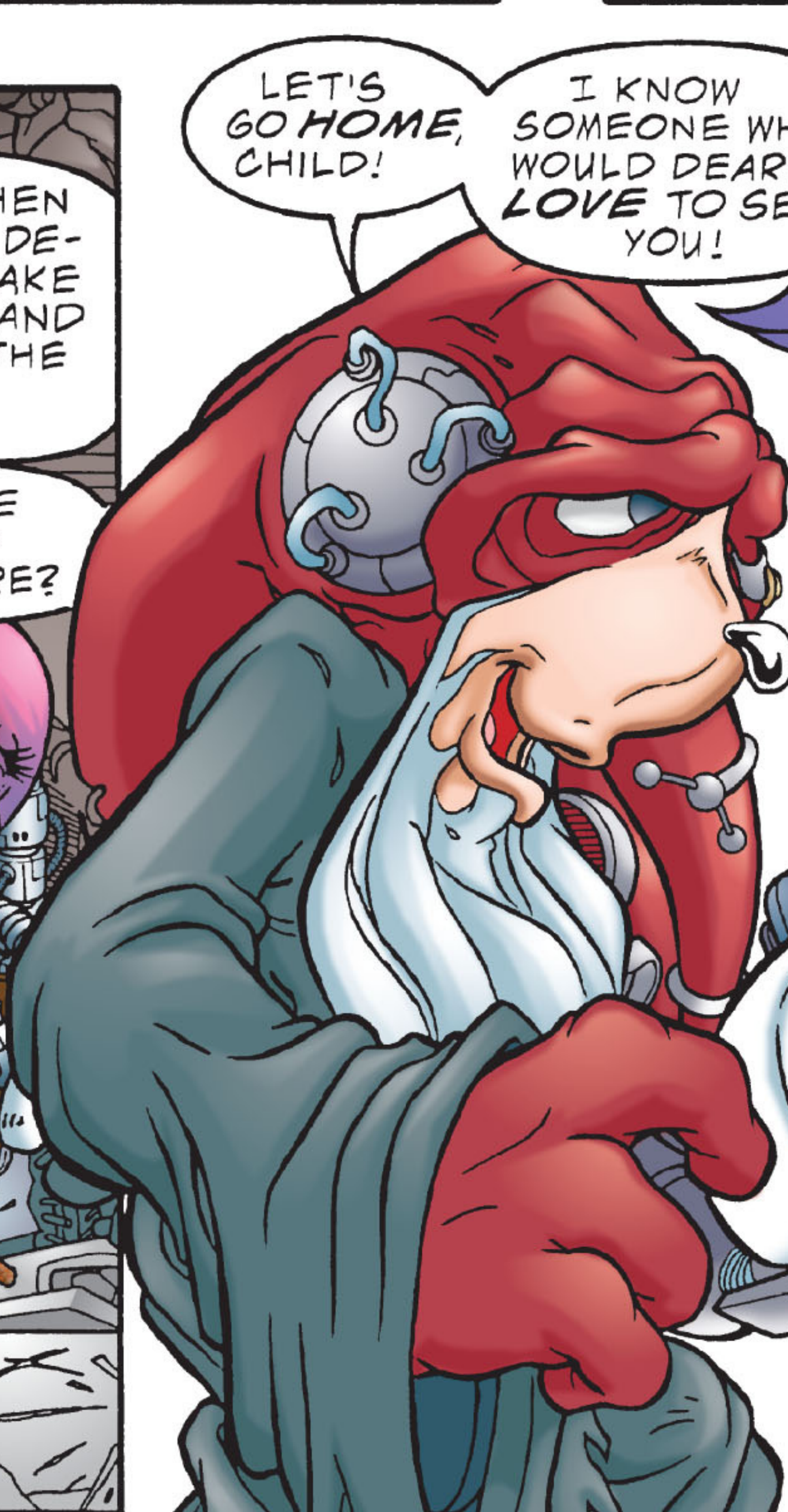
IF YOU REALLY WERE WITH THE LEGION YOU'D HAVE KNOWN I WAS ALWAYS AROUND!



SHORTLY AFTER THEY'D TAKEN YOU, THE PORTAL OPENED AGAIN.

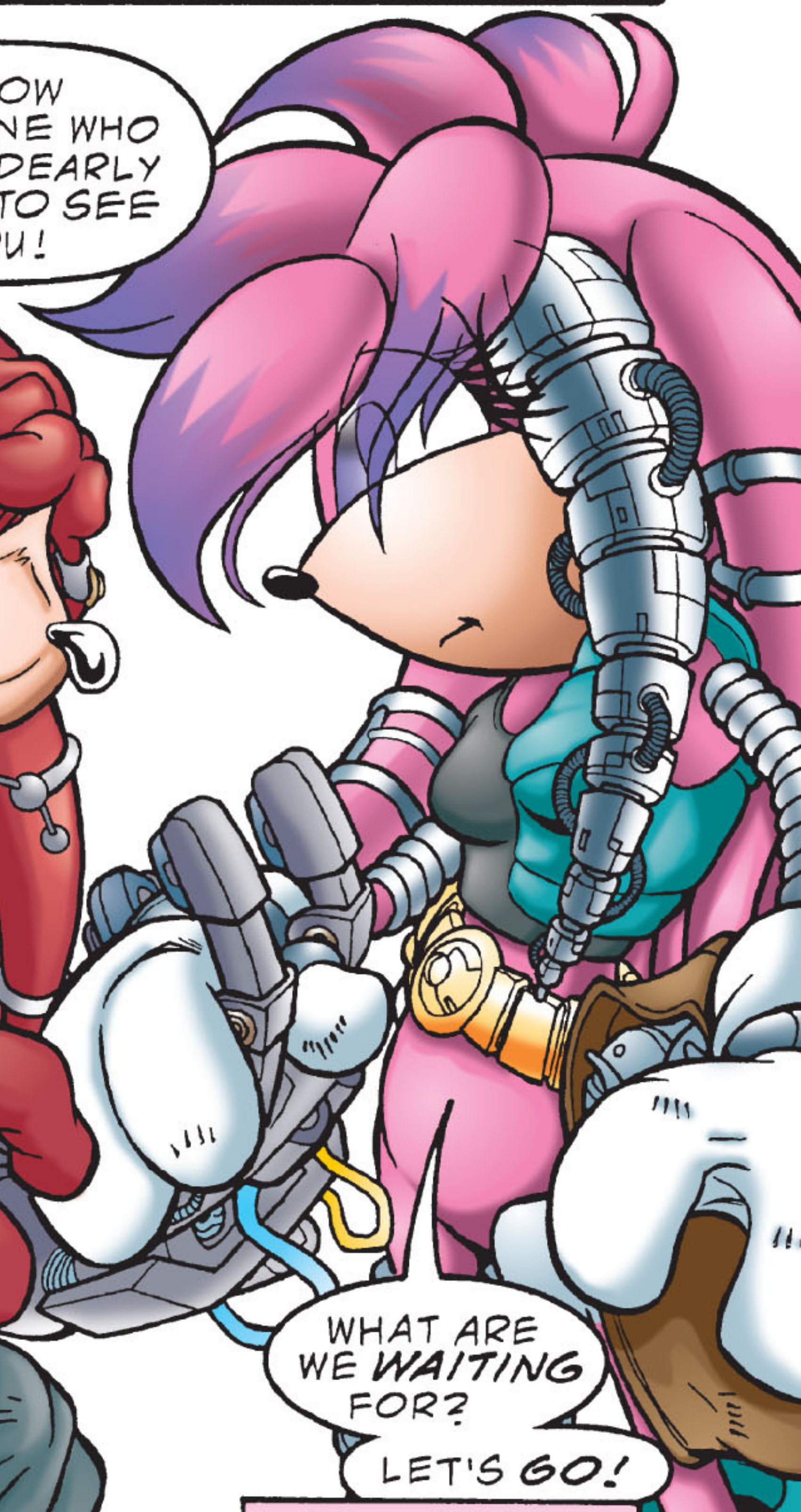
THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION TO TAKE FLOREN-CA AND SETTLE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



LET'S GO HOME, CHILD!

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD DEARLY **LOVE** TO SEE YOU!



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

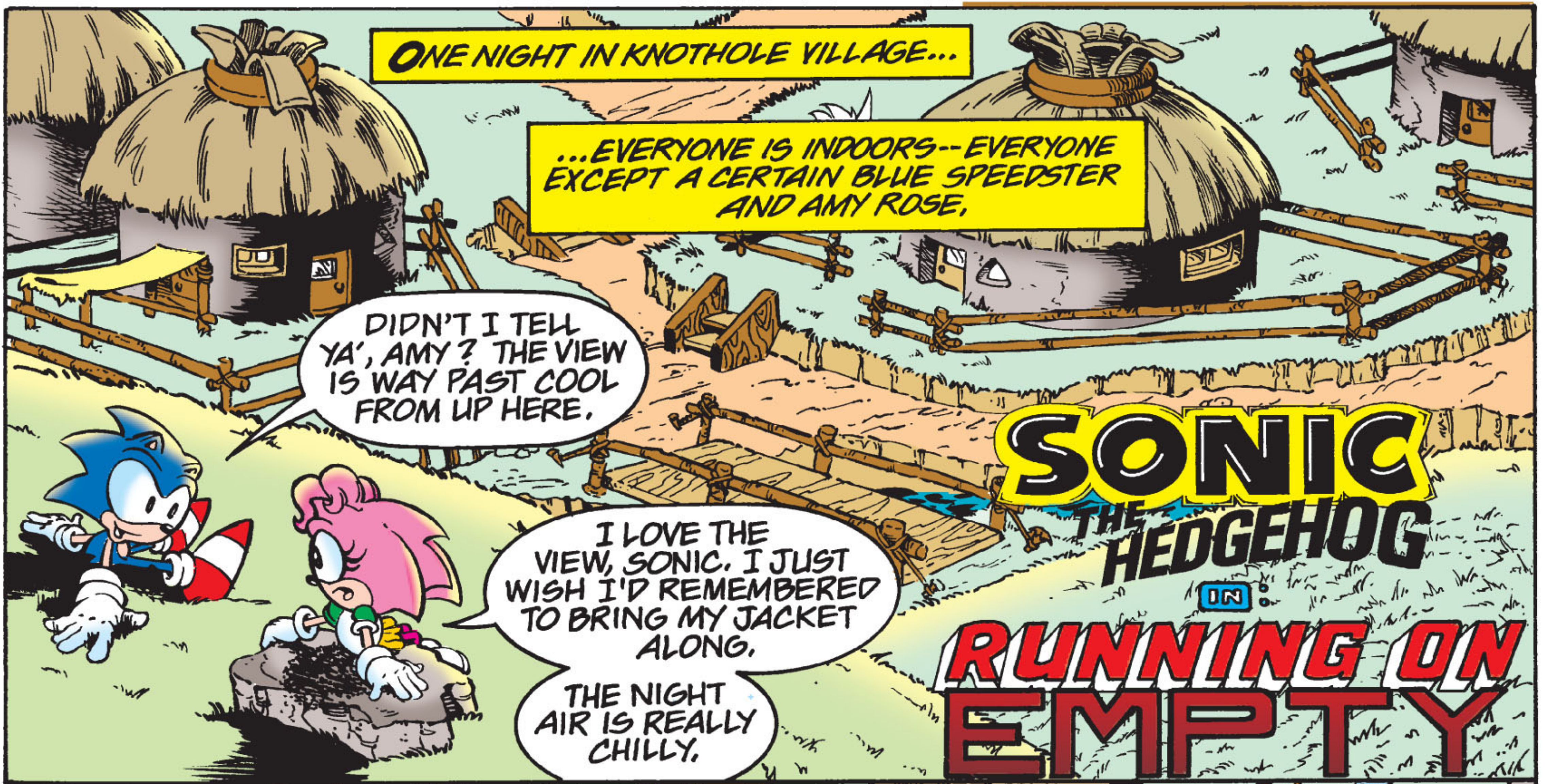
LET'S GO!

A BEGINNING

JULIE-SU™

BONUS PIN-UP by TRACY YARDLEY! and ROSARIO "TITO" PEÑA





ONE NIGHT IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

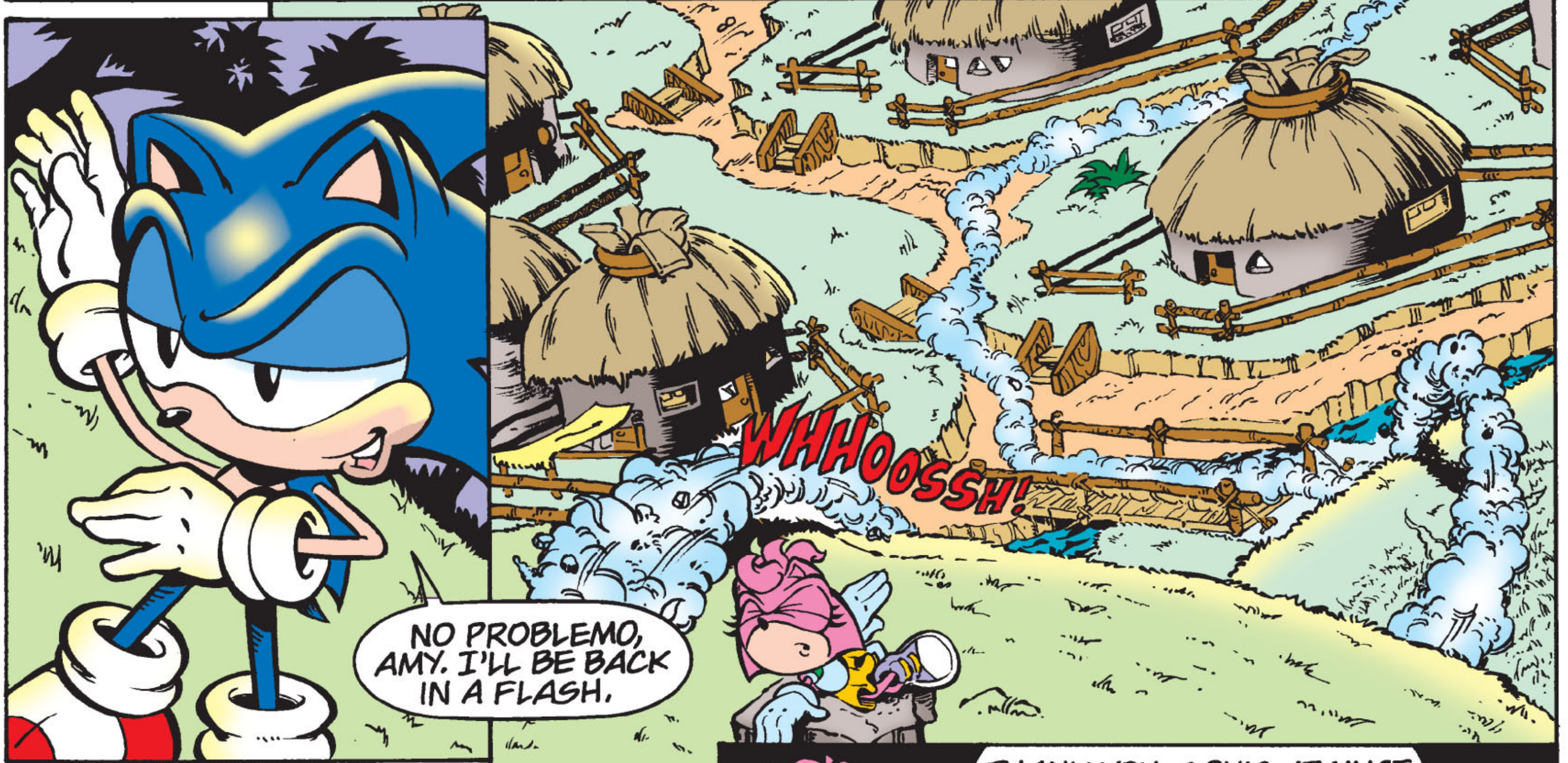
...EVERYONE IS INDOORS--EVERYONE EXCEPT A CERTAIN BLUE SPEEDSTER AND AMY ROSE,

DIDN'T I TELL YA', AMY? THE VIEW IS WAY PAST COOL FROM UP HERE.

I LOVE THE VIEW, SONIC. I JUST WISH I'D REMEMBERED TO BRING MY JACKET ALONG.

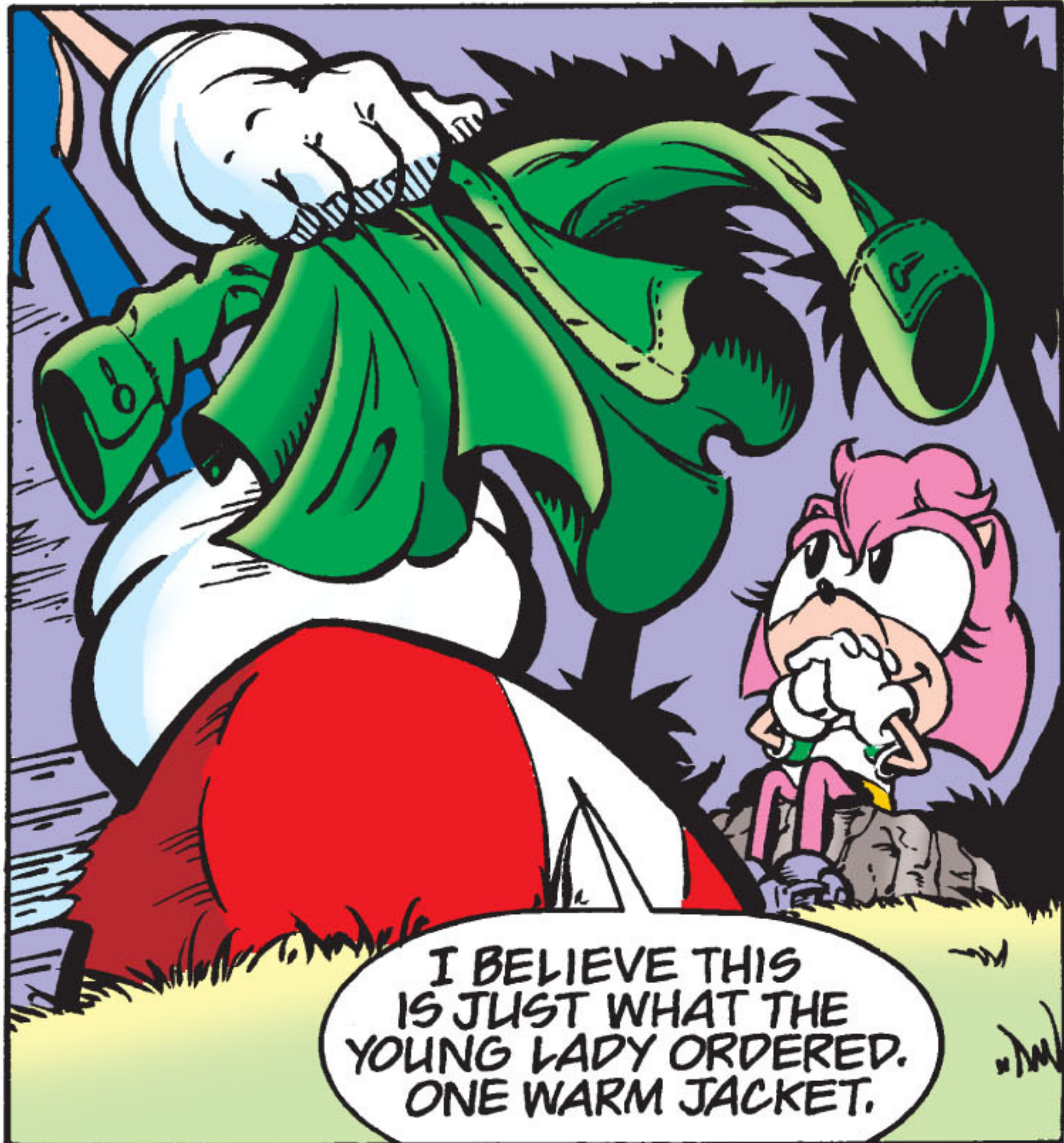
THE NIGHT AIR IS REALLY CHILLY.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ON RUNNING ON EMPTY

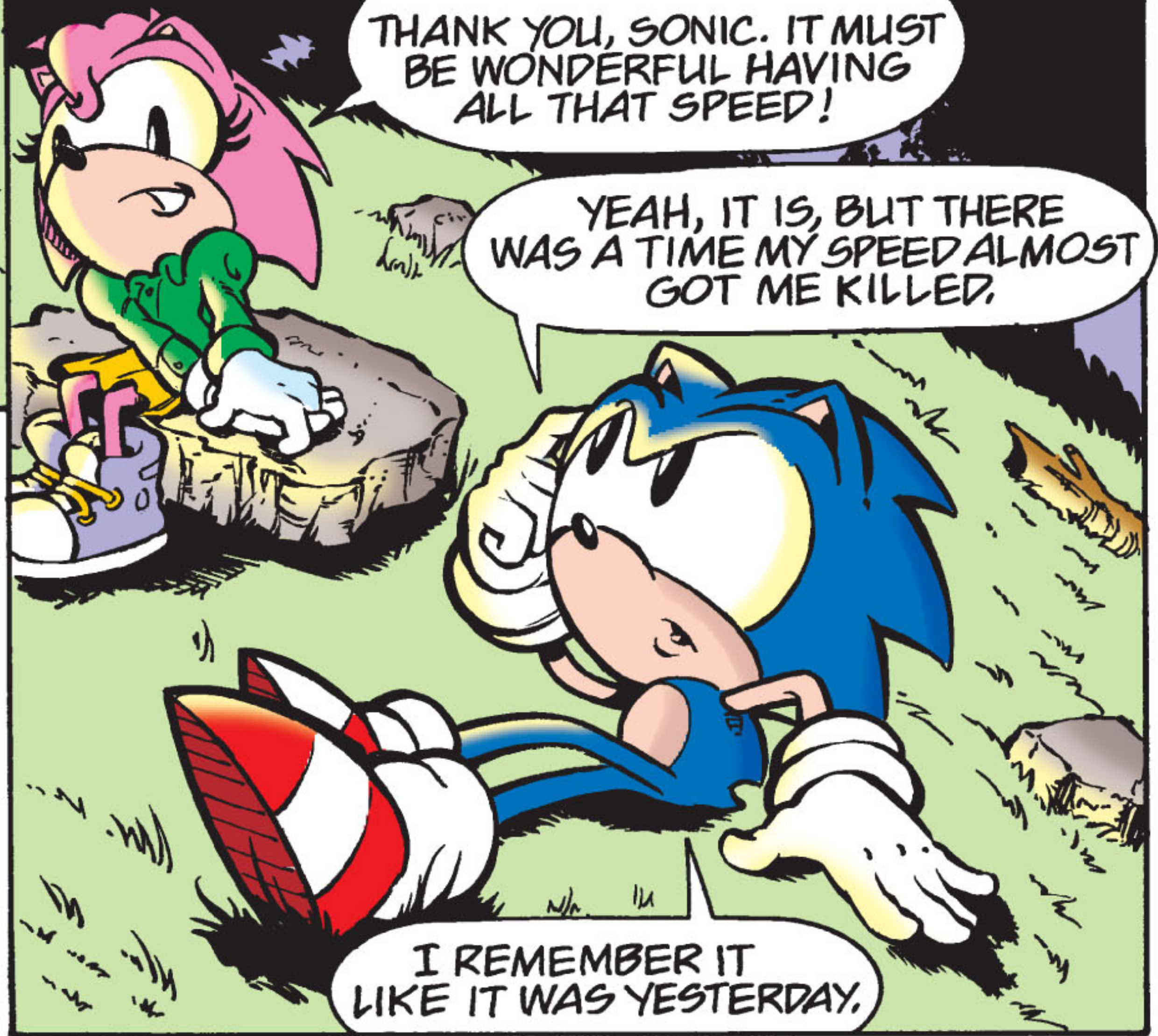


NO PROBLEMO, AMY. I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH.

WHOOOSH!



I BELIEVE THIS IS JUST WHAT THE YOUNG LADY ORDERED. ONE WARM JACKET.



THANK YOU, SONIC. IT MUST BE WONDERFUL HAVING ALL THAT SPEED!

YEAH, IT IS, BUT THERE WAS A TIME MY SPEED ALMOST GOT ME KILLED.

I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.

OMIGOSH!!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE
PRINCESS SALLY
YELLING FOR HELP!

"DETERMINED HERO
THAT I AM, I JUICED
TO THE RESCUE."

FEET,
DO YOUR
STUFF!

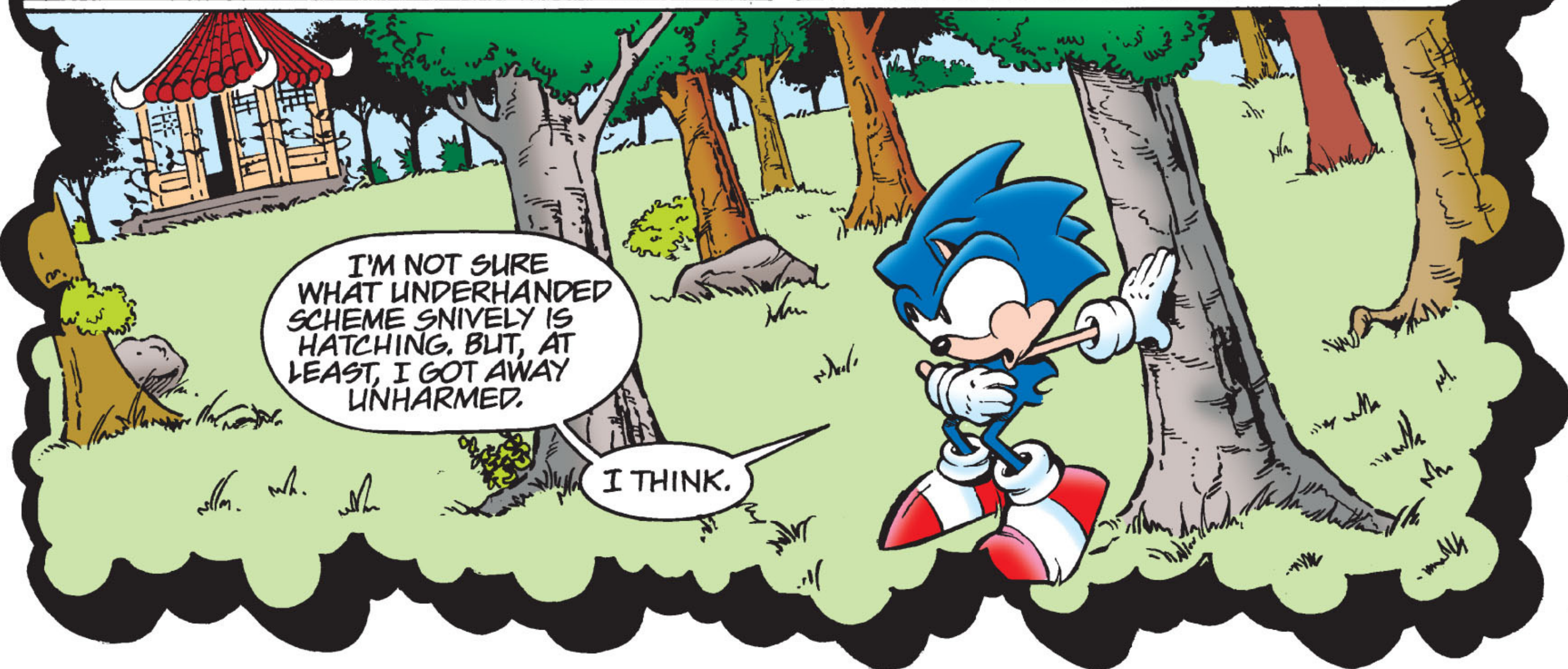
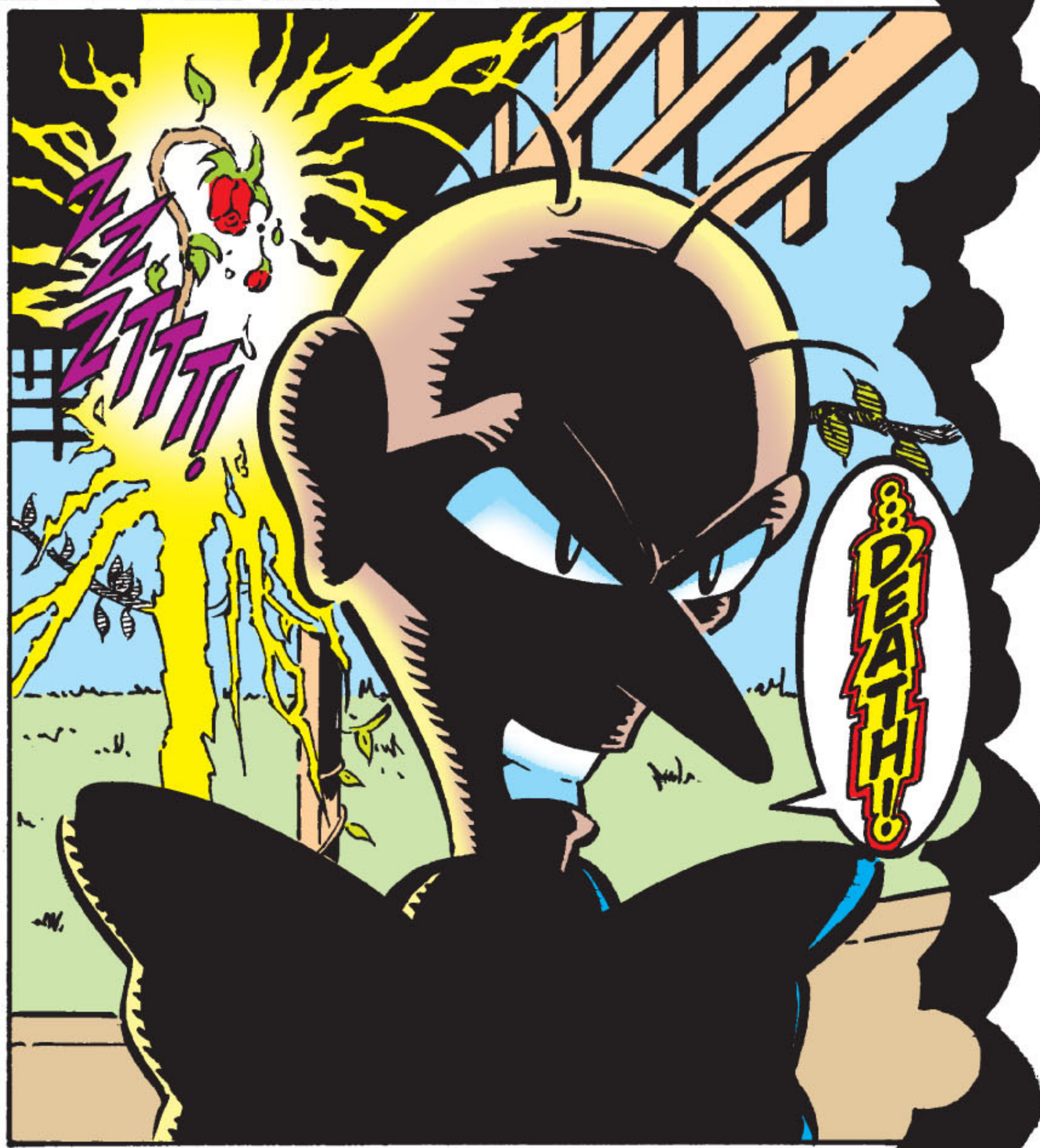
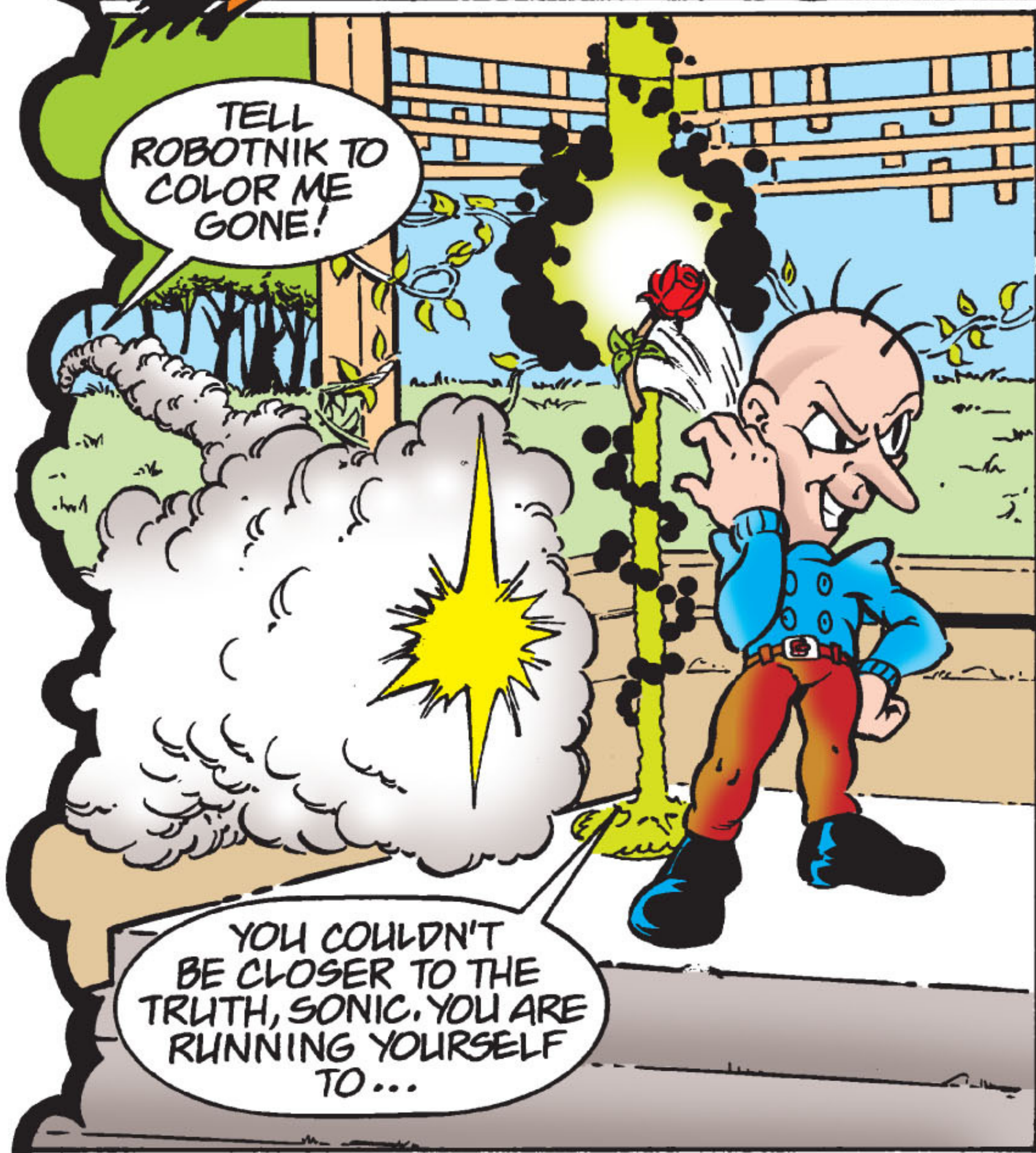
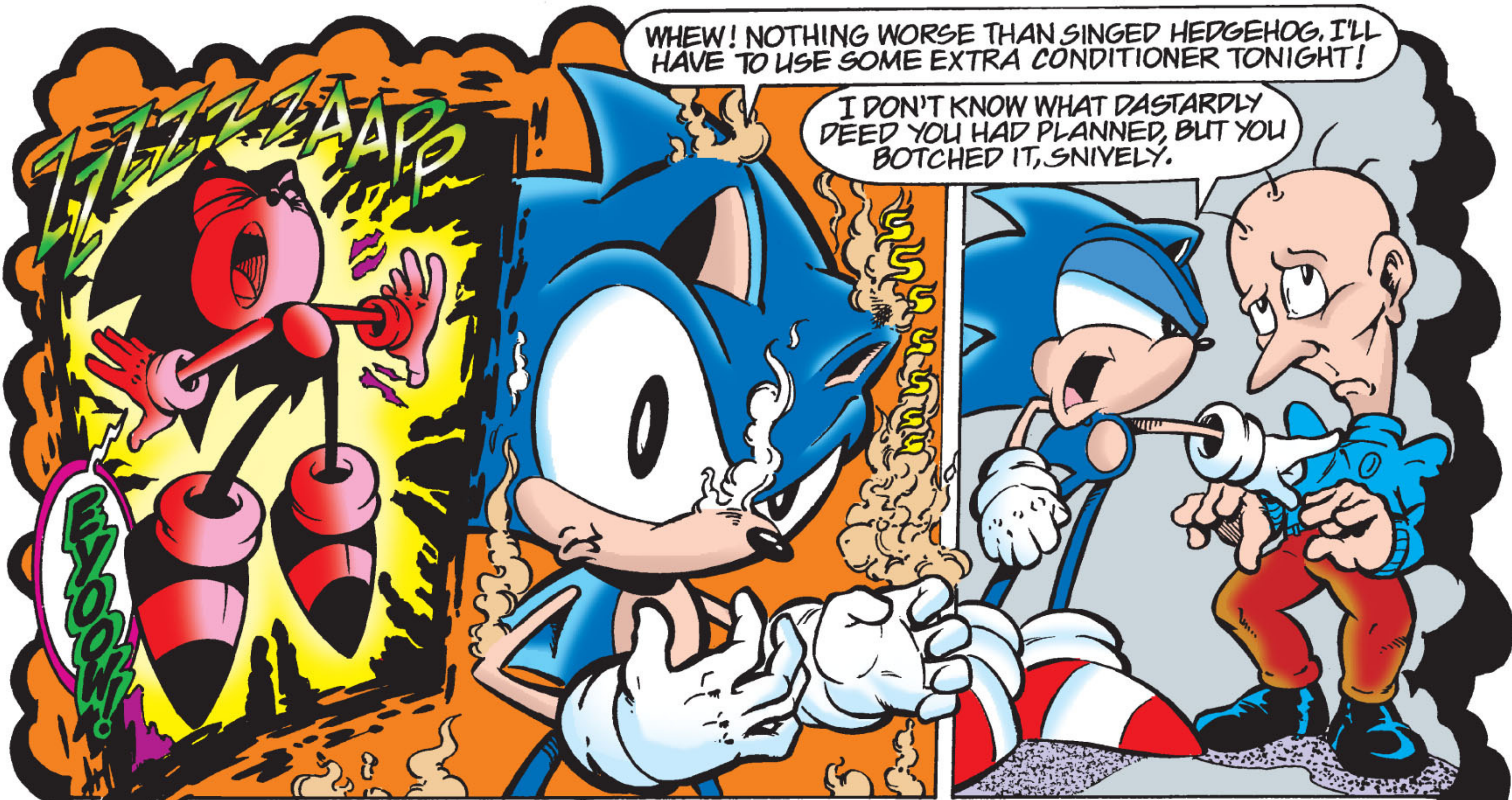
DON'T WORRY,
SALLY. I WON'T
LET ANYTHING
HURT...

...YOU?

I'VE
HEARD OF
HARD TO TOUCH,
BUT THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.
SOMEBODY'S
SICK IDEA OF
A JOKE.

"LINKDOWN TO ME AT THE
TIME, SNIVELY WAS ABOUT
TO SPRING A TRAP."

WHAT I'M
ABOUT TO DO TO
YOU IS NO JOKE,
YOU SPINY LITTLE
RODENT!



A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE WOODS NEAR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

ROSIE, YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT ALONE. I'VE ALREADY HAD A MONDO UNCOOL RUN-IN WITH SNIVELY THIS MORNING.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALLRIGHT!

I WAS LOOKING FOR AN APPLE ORCHARD PRINCESS SALLY SAID WAS IN THIS AREA.

I WANT TO MAKE SOME APPLE PIES.

I'LL TAKE YOU THERE, ROSIE. IT'S JUST OVER THAT HILL.

THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL, SONIC, I'D LOVE THE COMPANY!

SEE, APPLES EVERYWHERE.

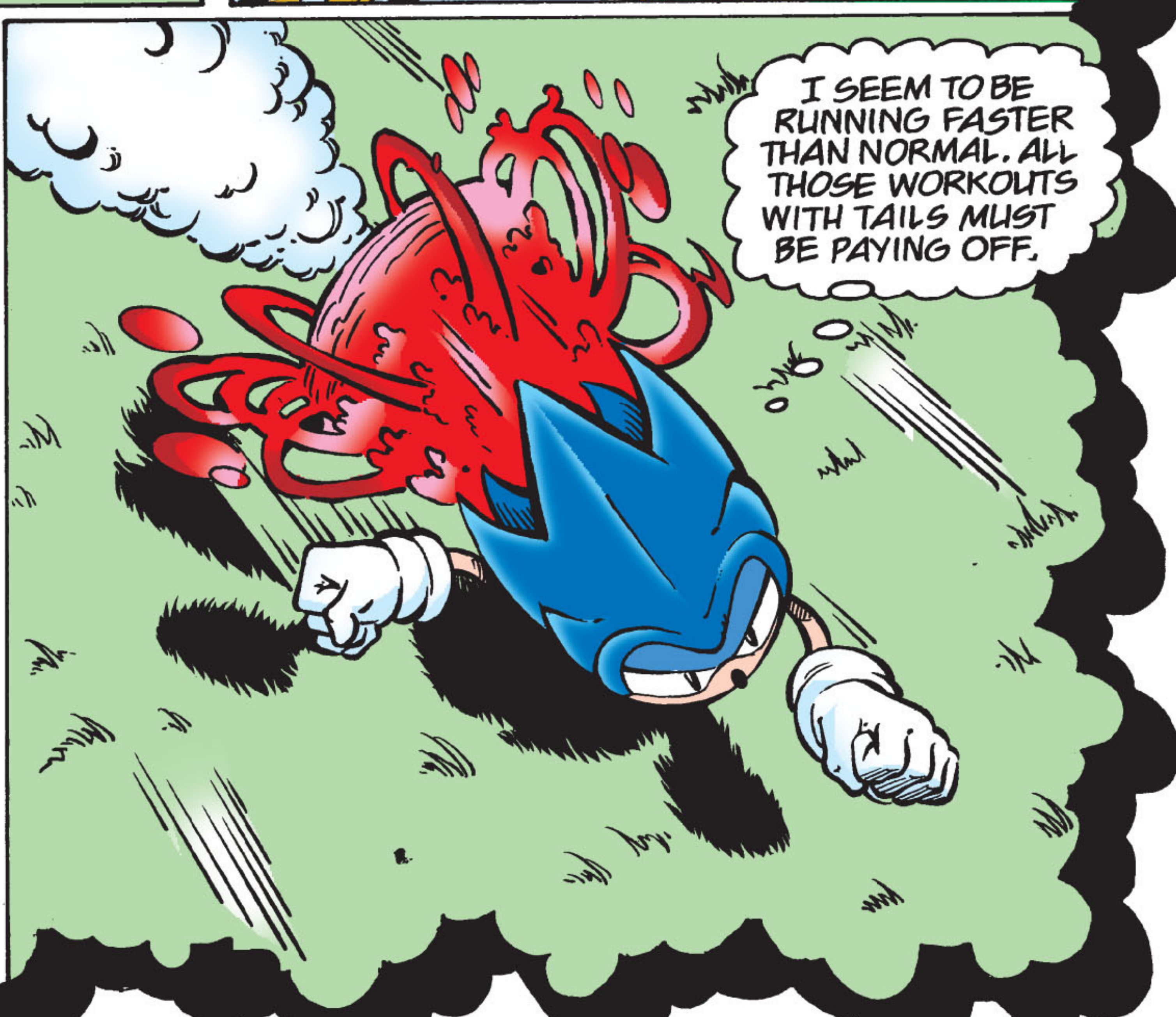
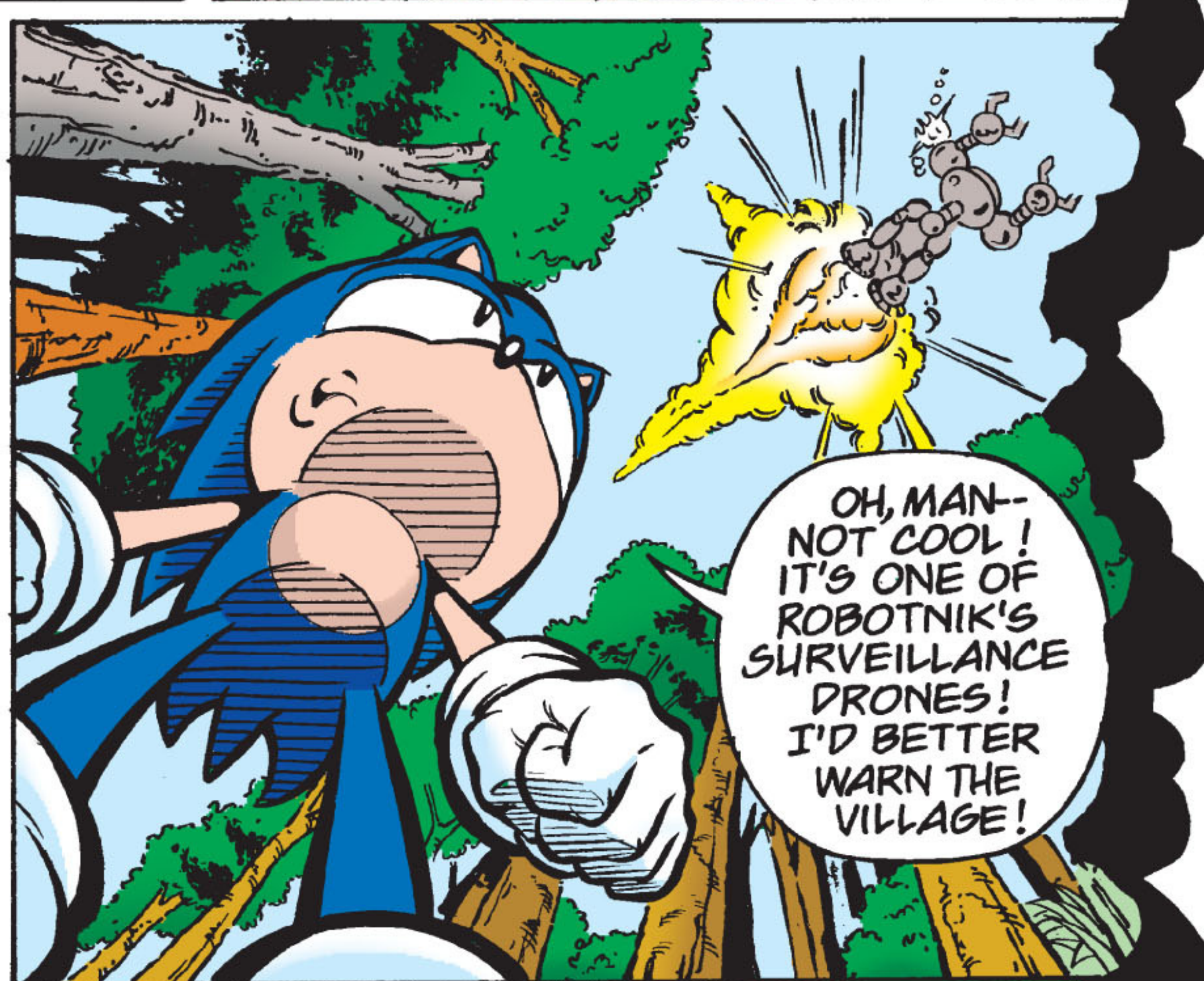
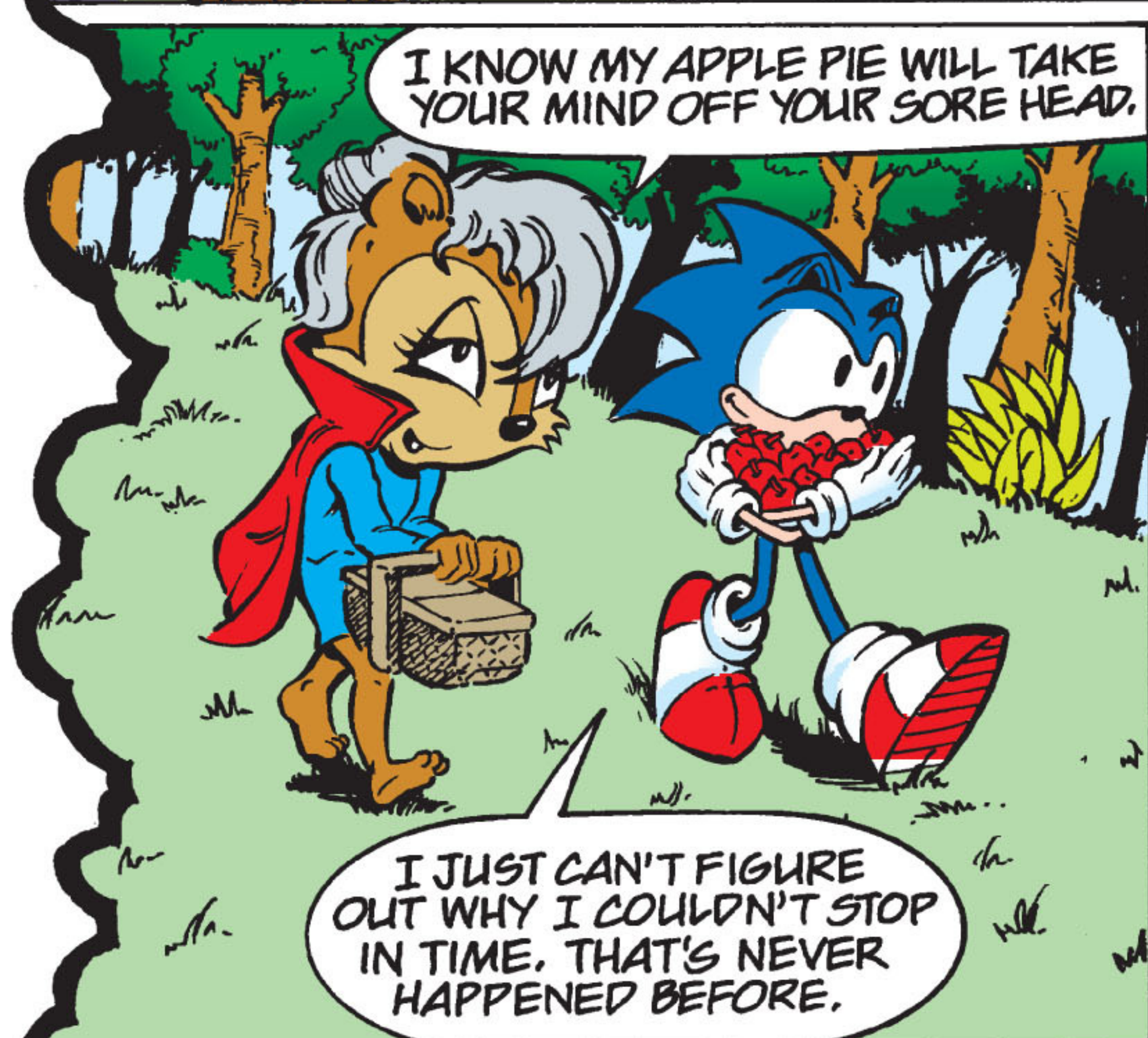
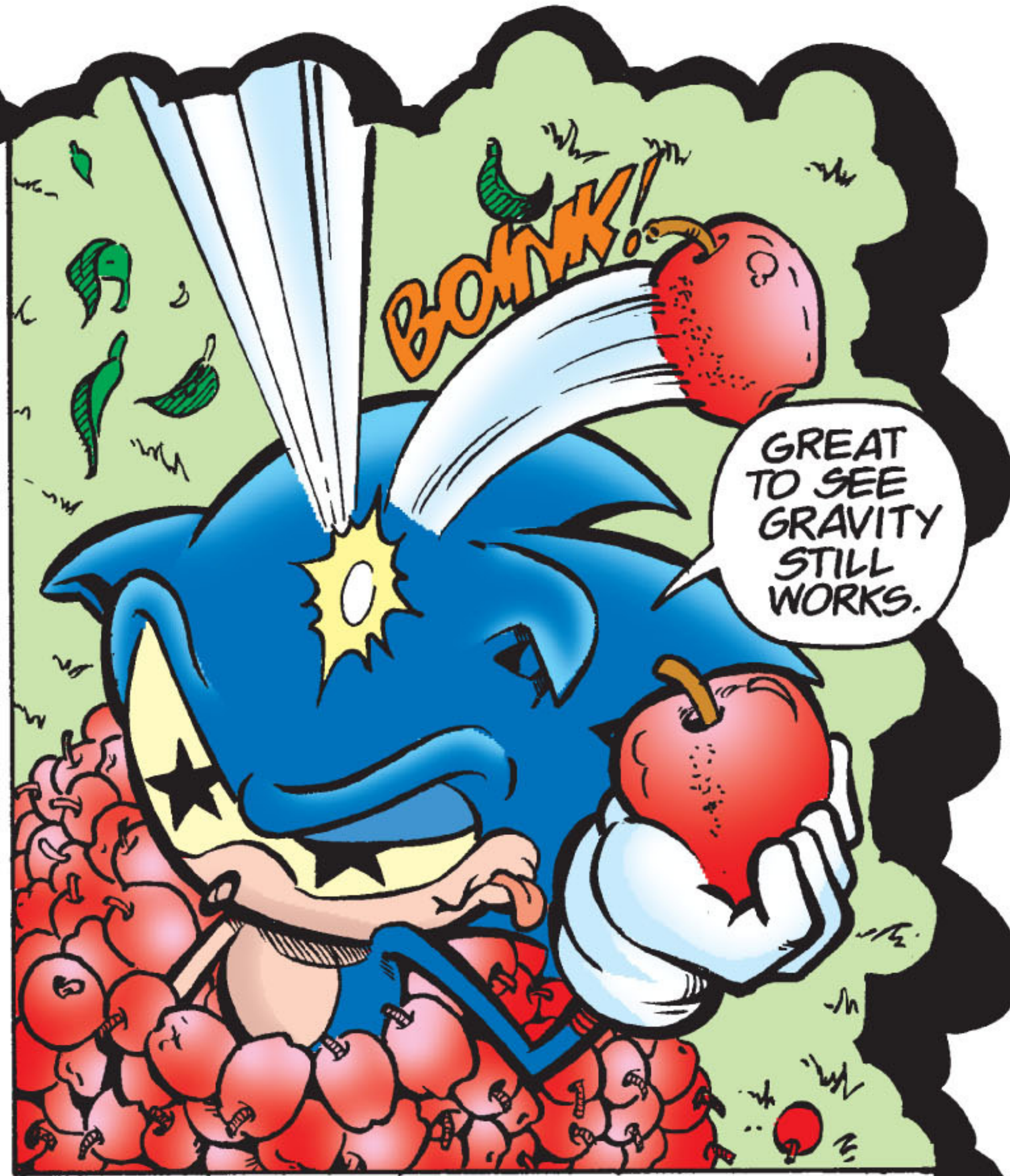
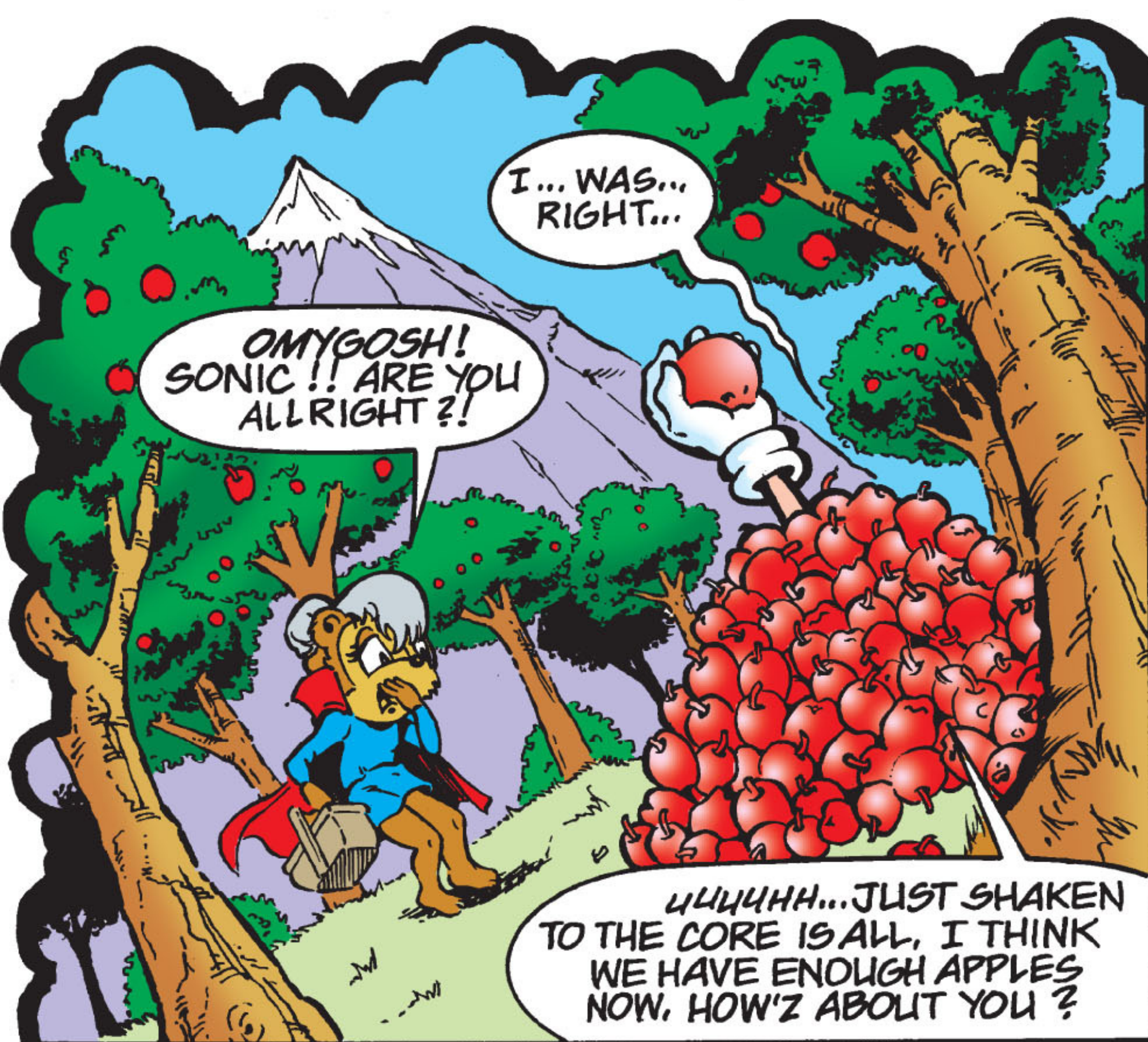
AND ONE'S ABOUT TO FALL!

IT'LL NEVER TOUCH THE GROUND WITH MY FLEET FEET!!

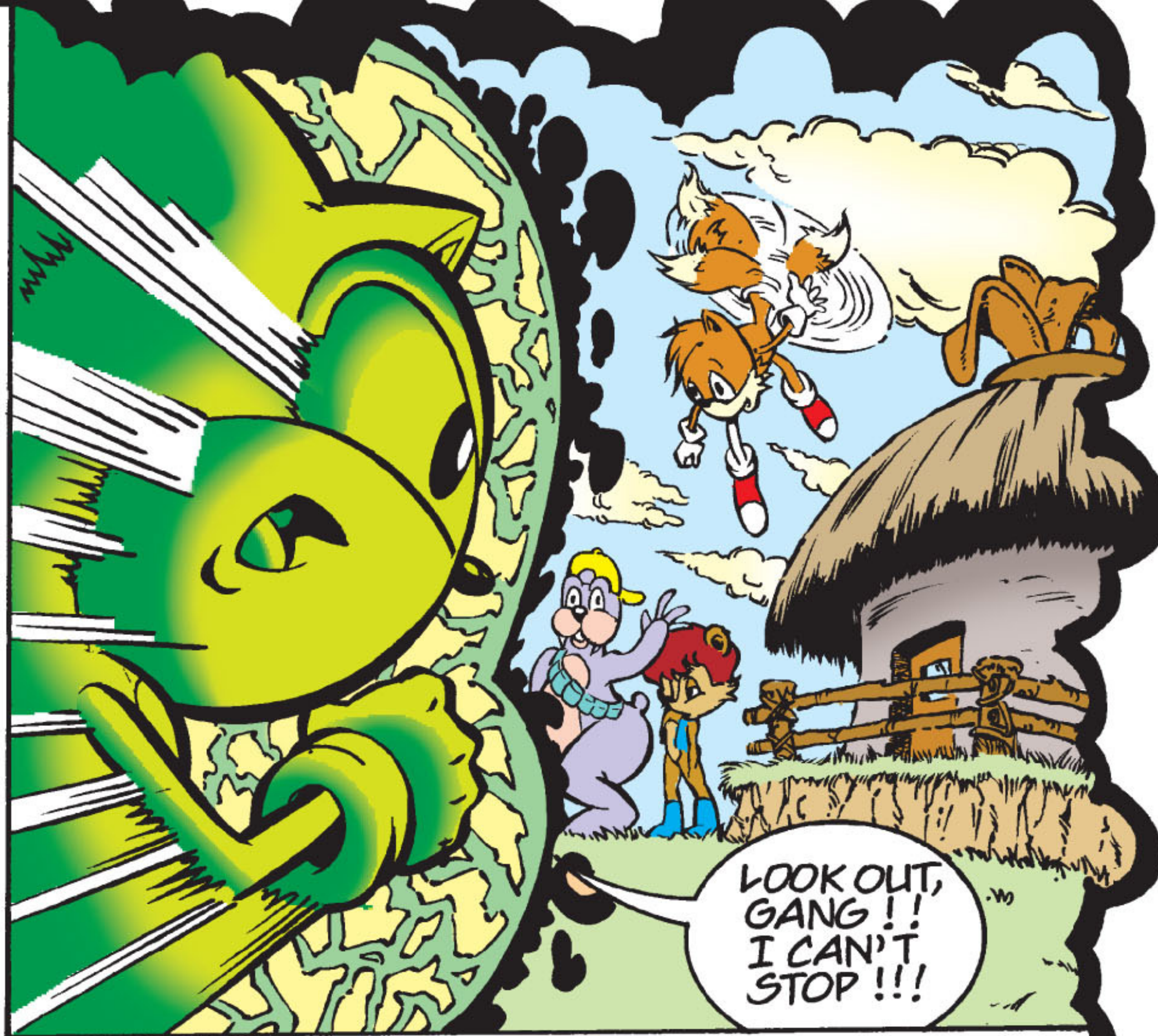
WAITAMINIT! I CAN'T STOP!!

OBOY! THIS IS GONNA HURT!





"AS I WAS SPEEDING TOWARDS KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, I DIDN'T NOTICE THE TRAIL OF JUNK AND STUFF BEING SUCKED UP BEHIND ME."



"I'VE NEVER SEEN SONIC MOVE SO FAST."

"HE JUST BARELY MISSED US!"

"WHEN'S FINALLY STOPPED!"

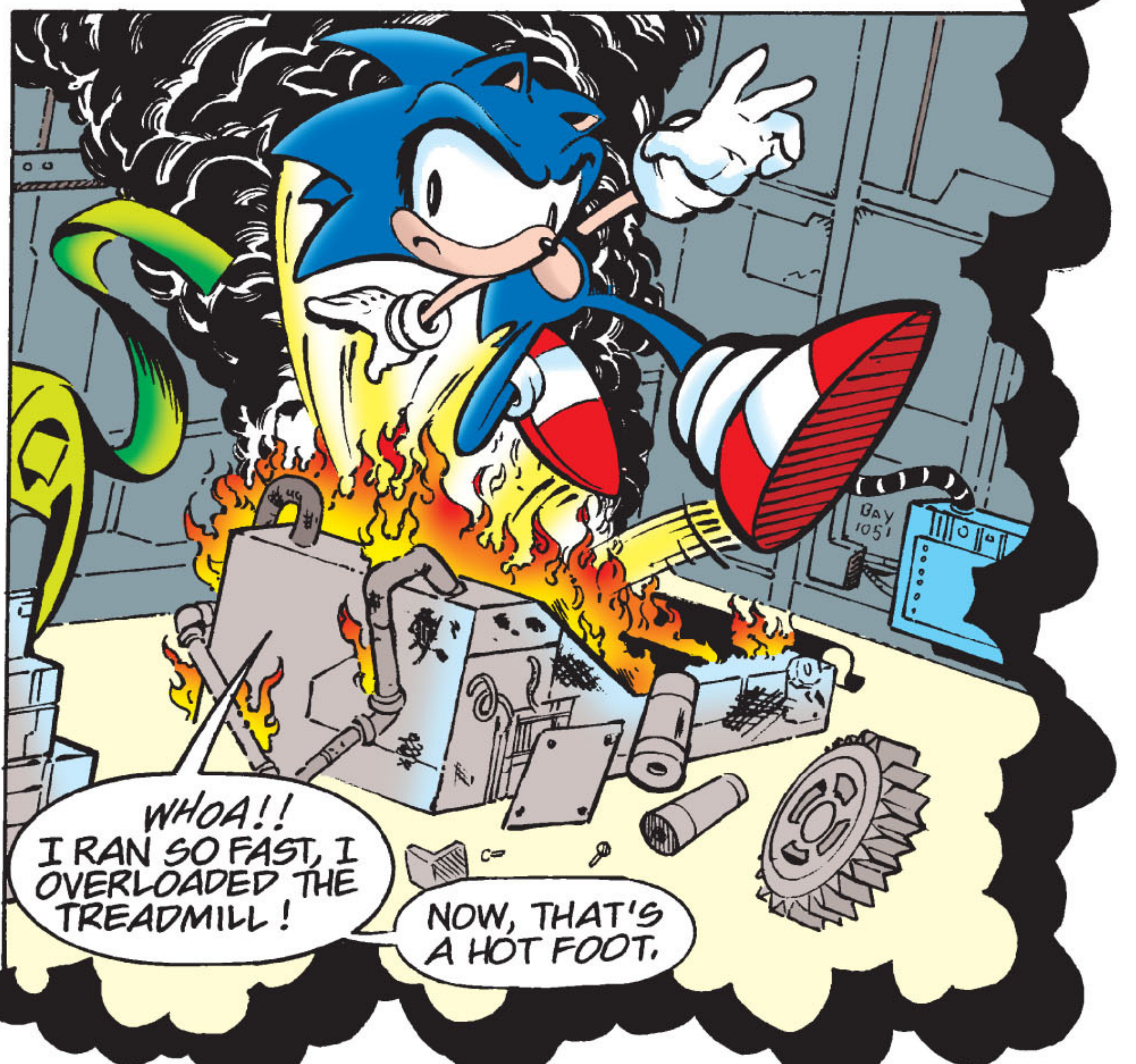
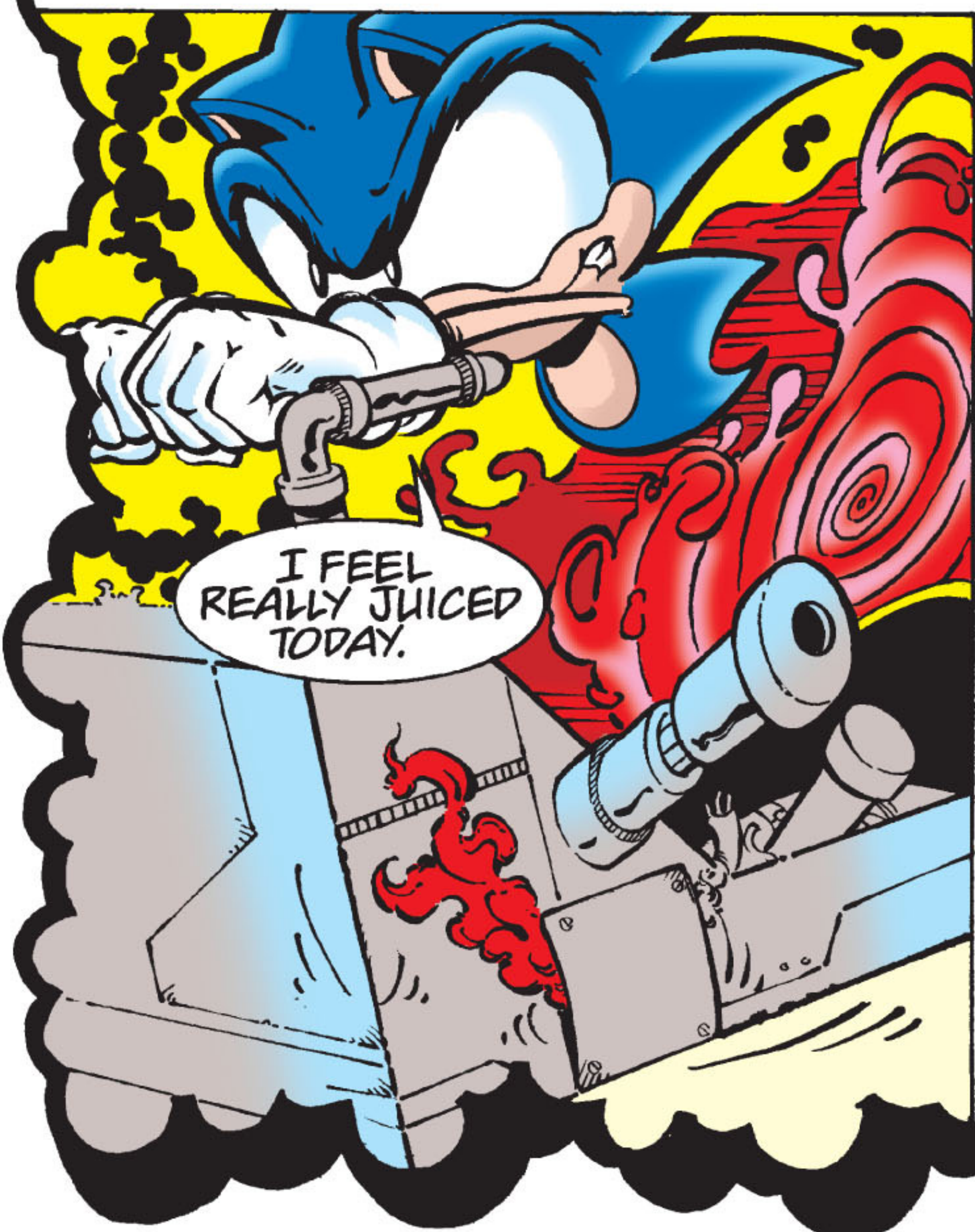
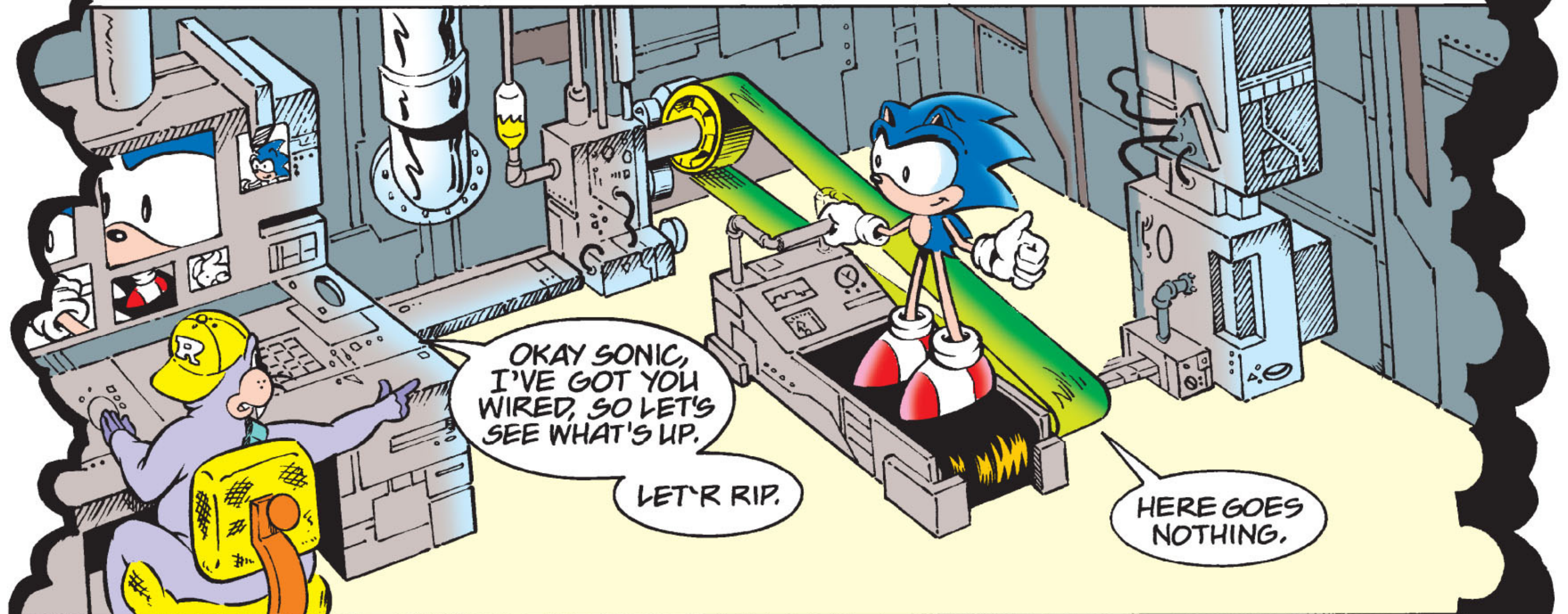
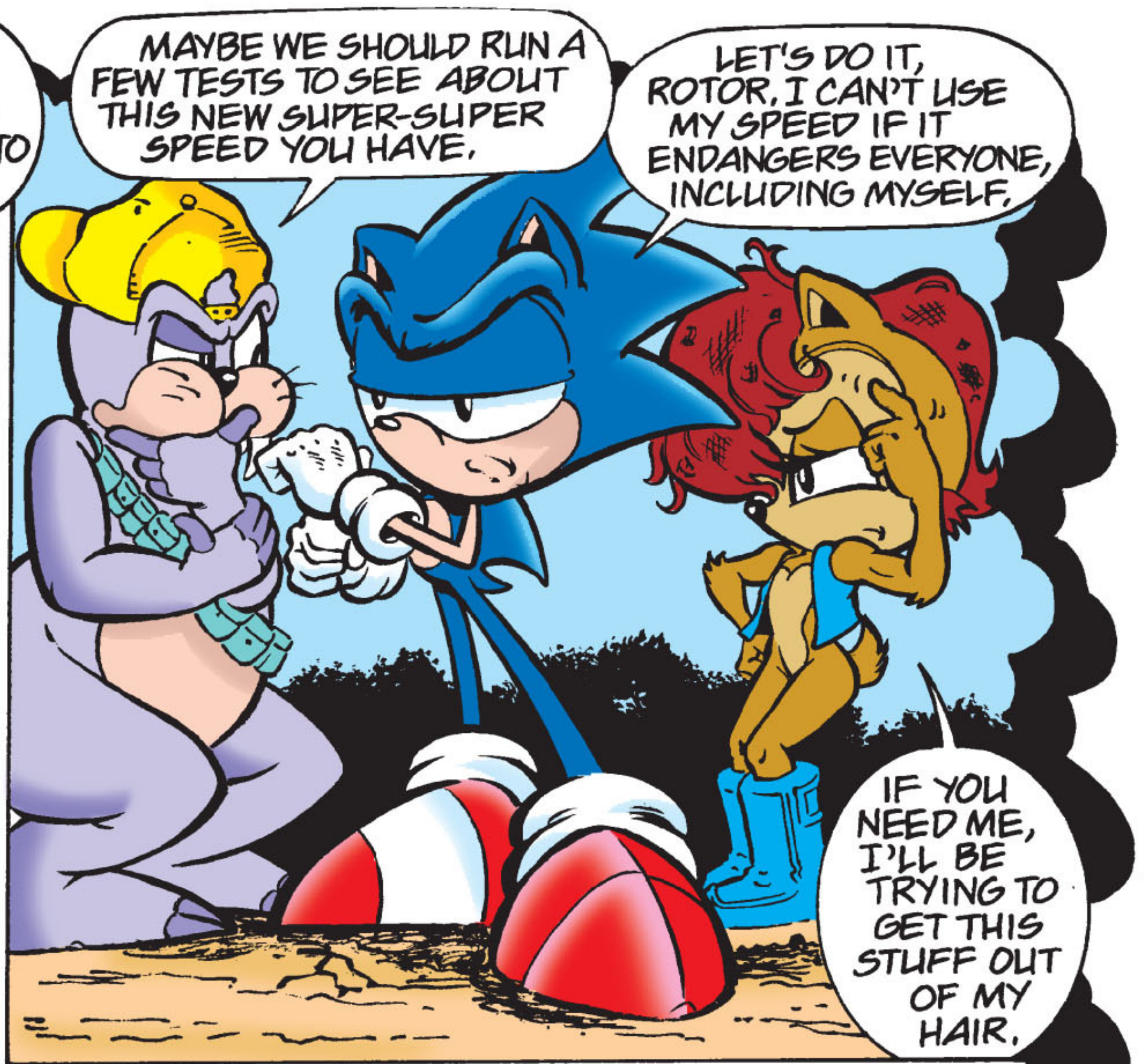
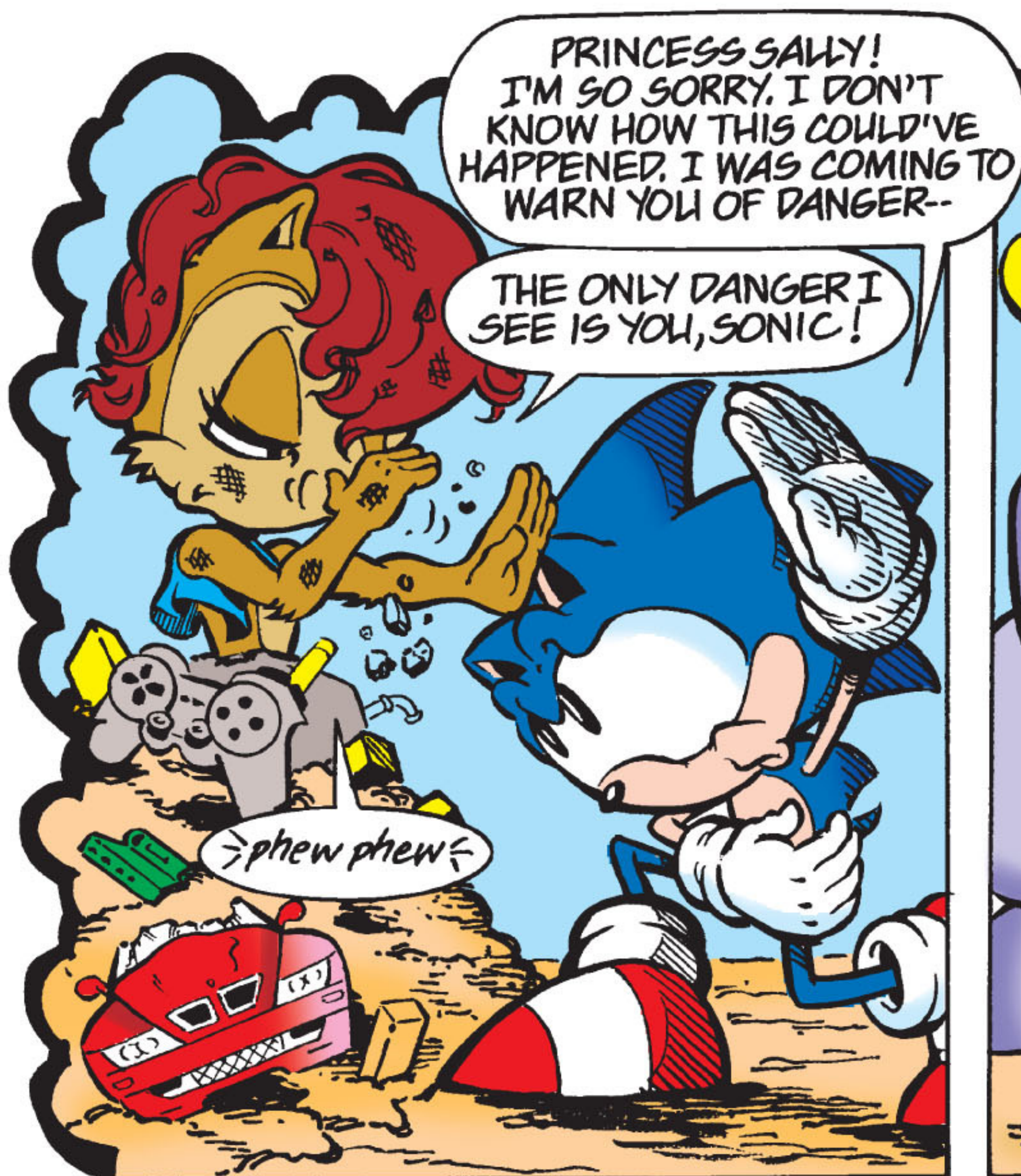
"I MUST'VE SKIDDED A MONTH'S TREAD OFF MY SHOES. WHAT ELSE COULD GO WRONG?"

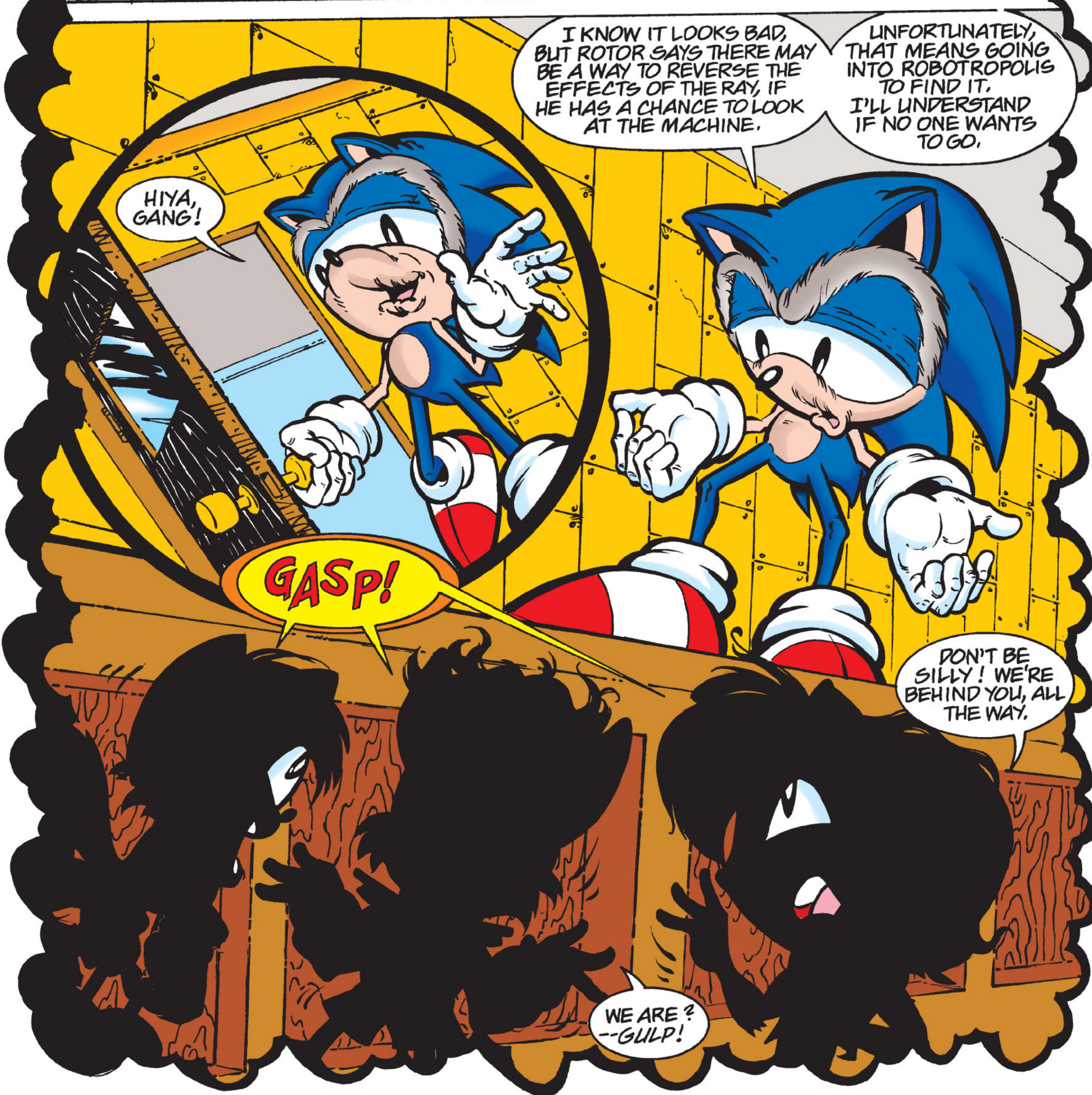
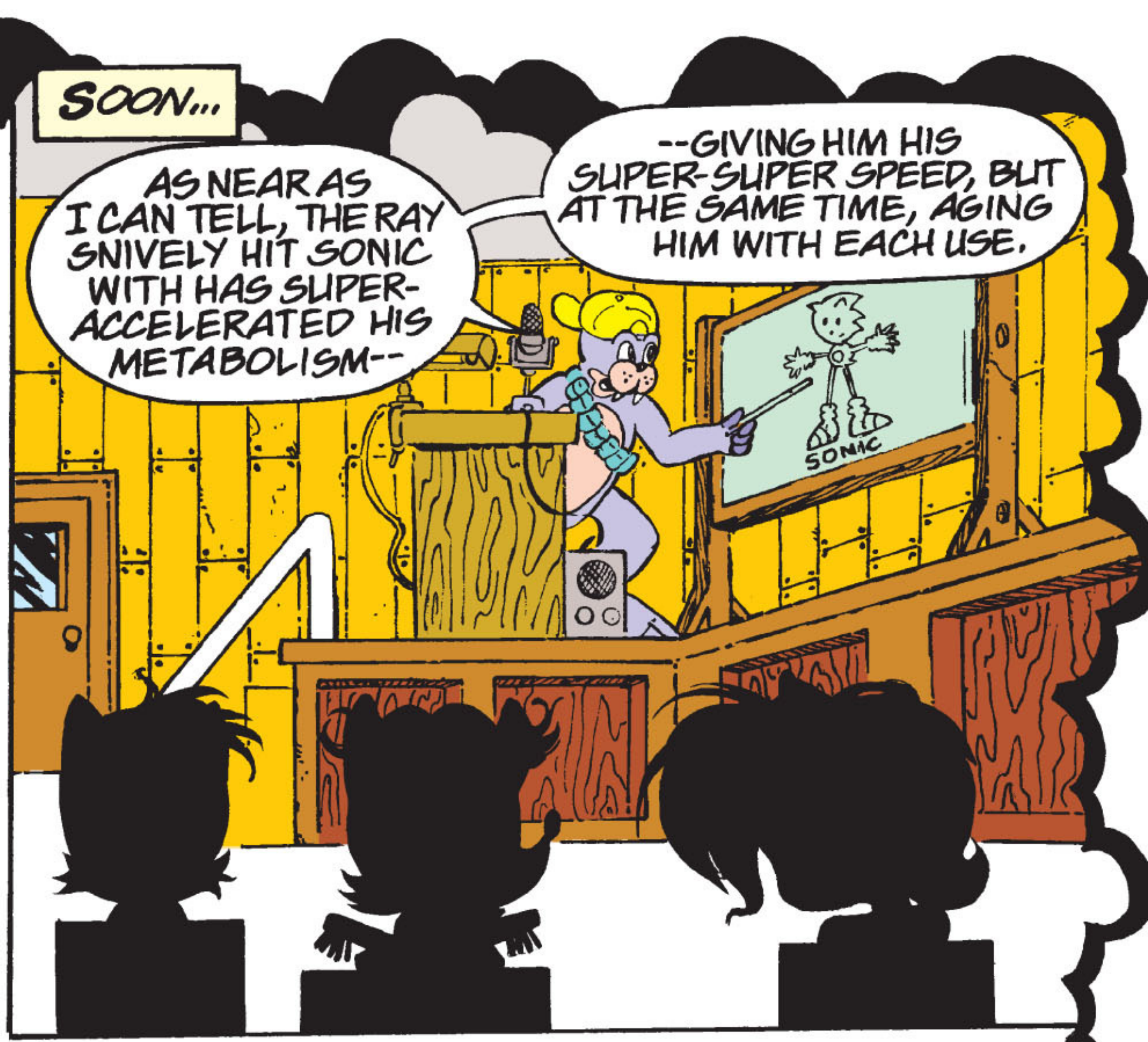
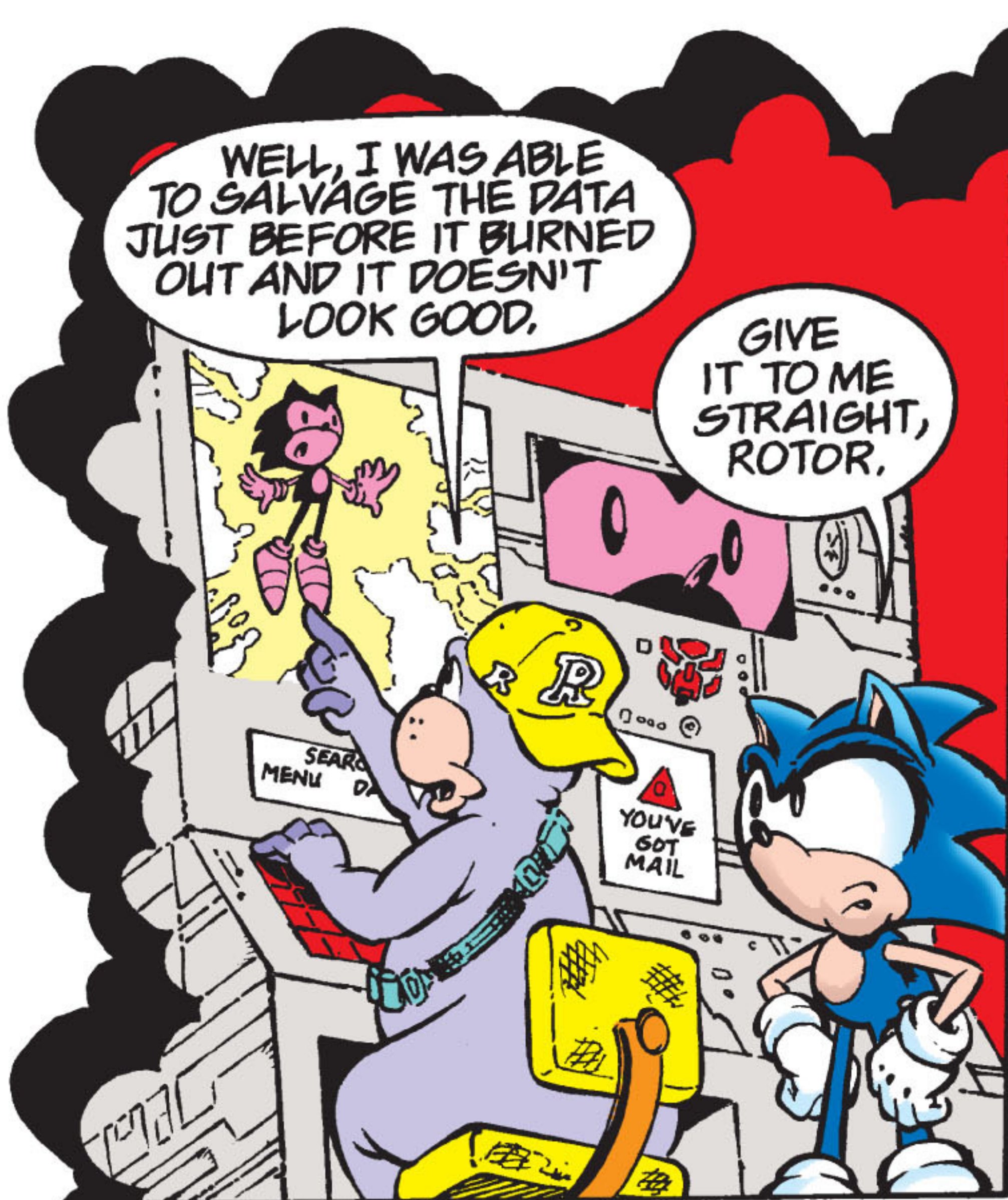
"LOOK OUT!! INCOMING!!"

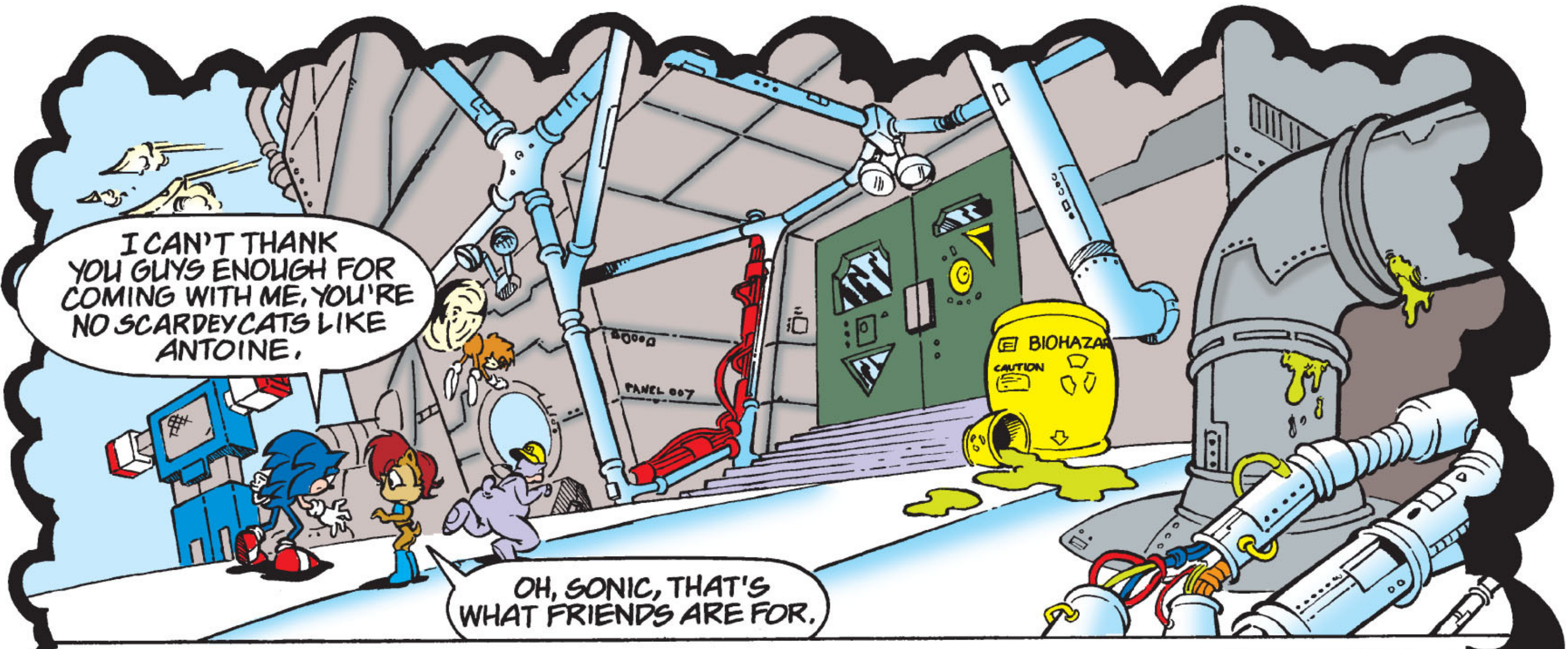
"THIS IS WAY PAST UNCOOL! I JUST TRASHED MY FRIENDS!"

MUMBLE

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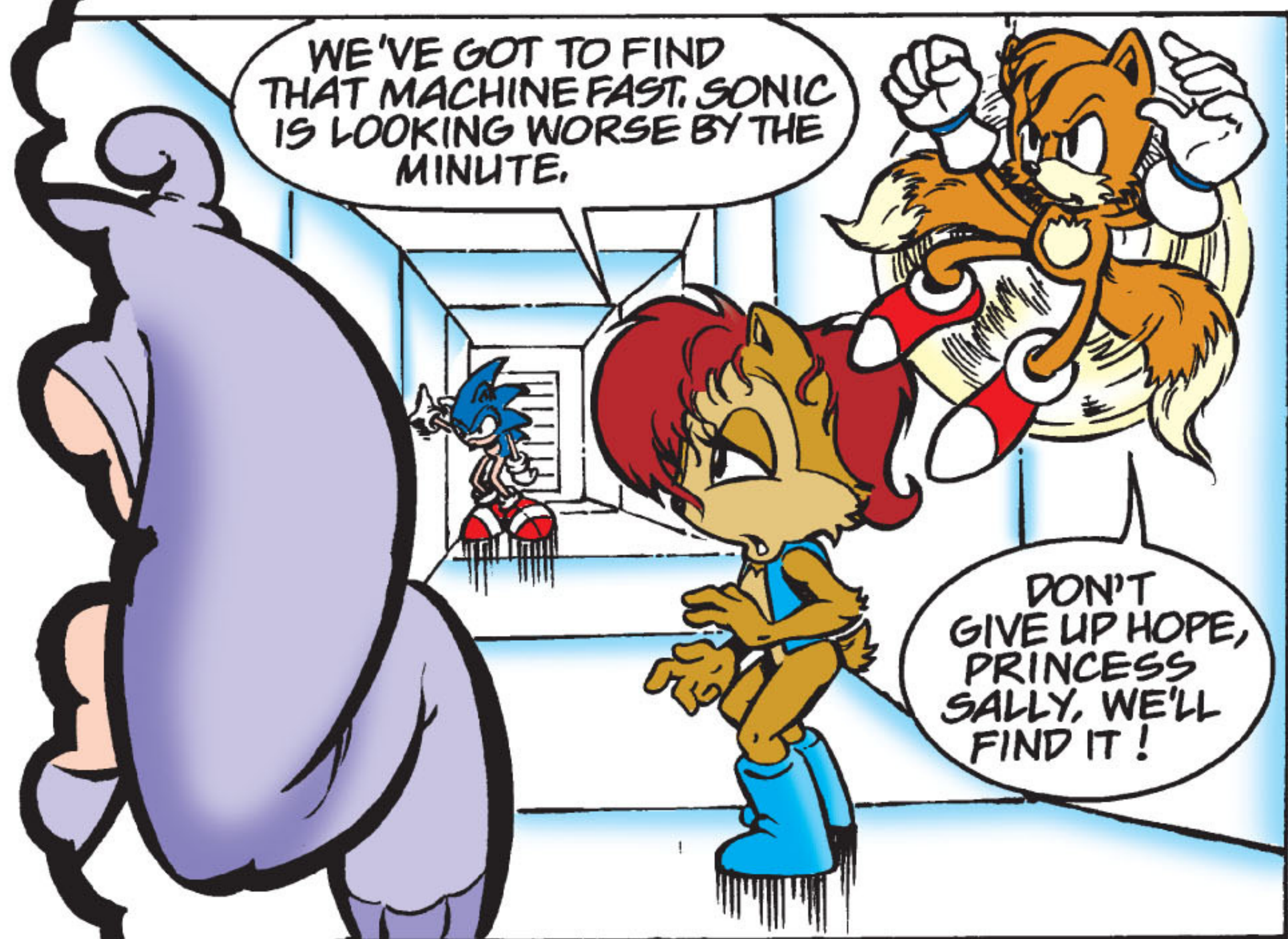






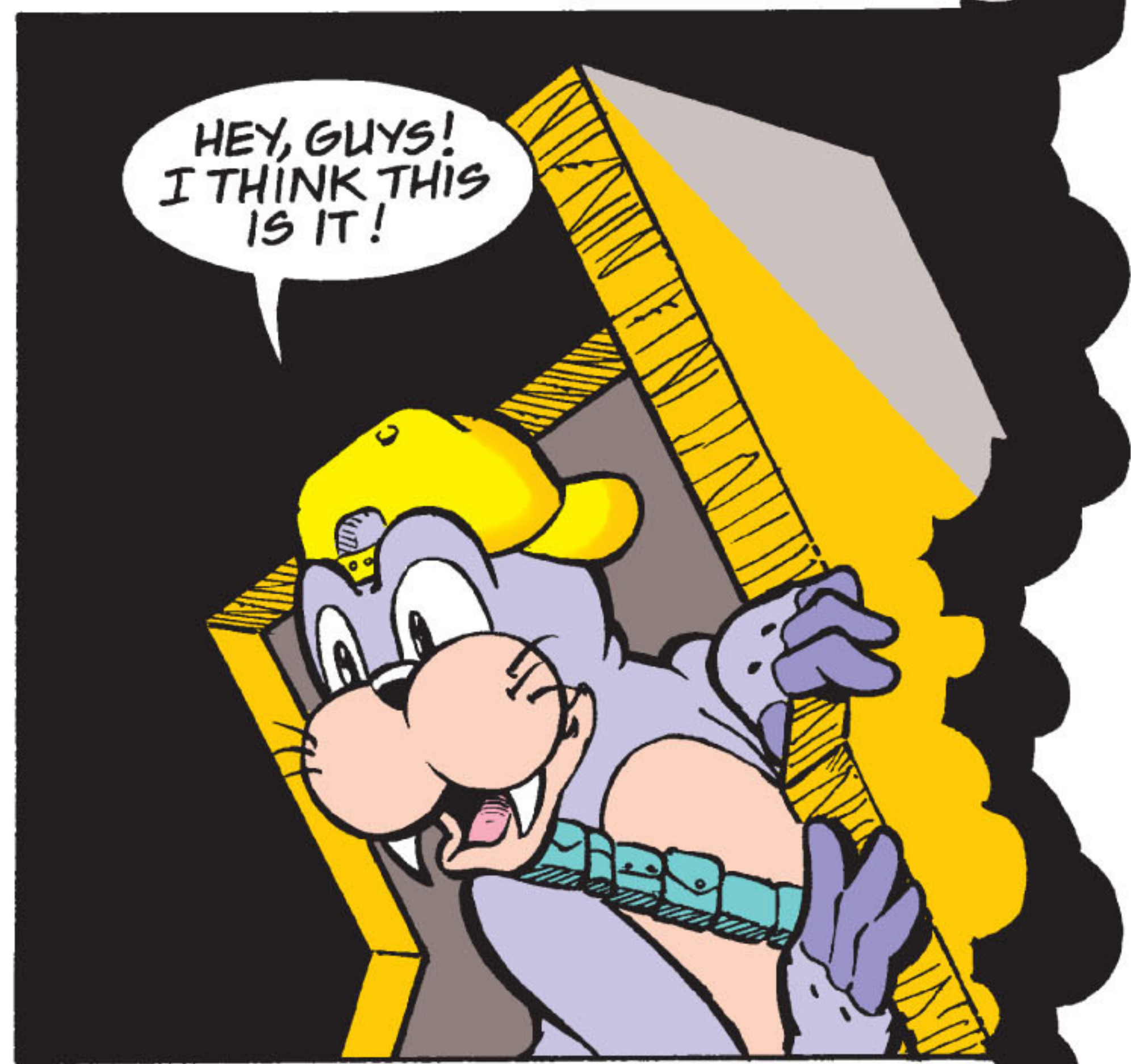
I CAN'T THANK YOU GUYS ENOUGH FOR COMING WITH ME, YOU'RE NO SCARDEYCATS LIKE ANTOINE.

OH, SONIC, THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.

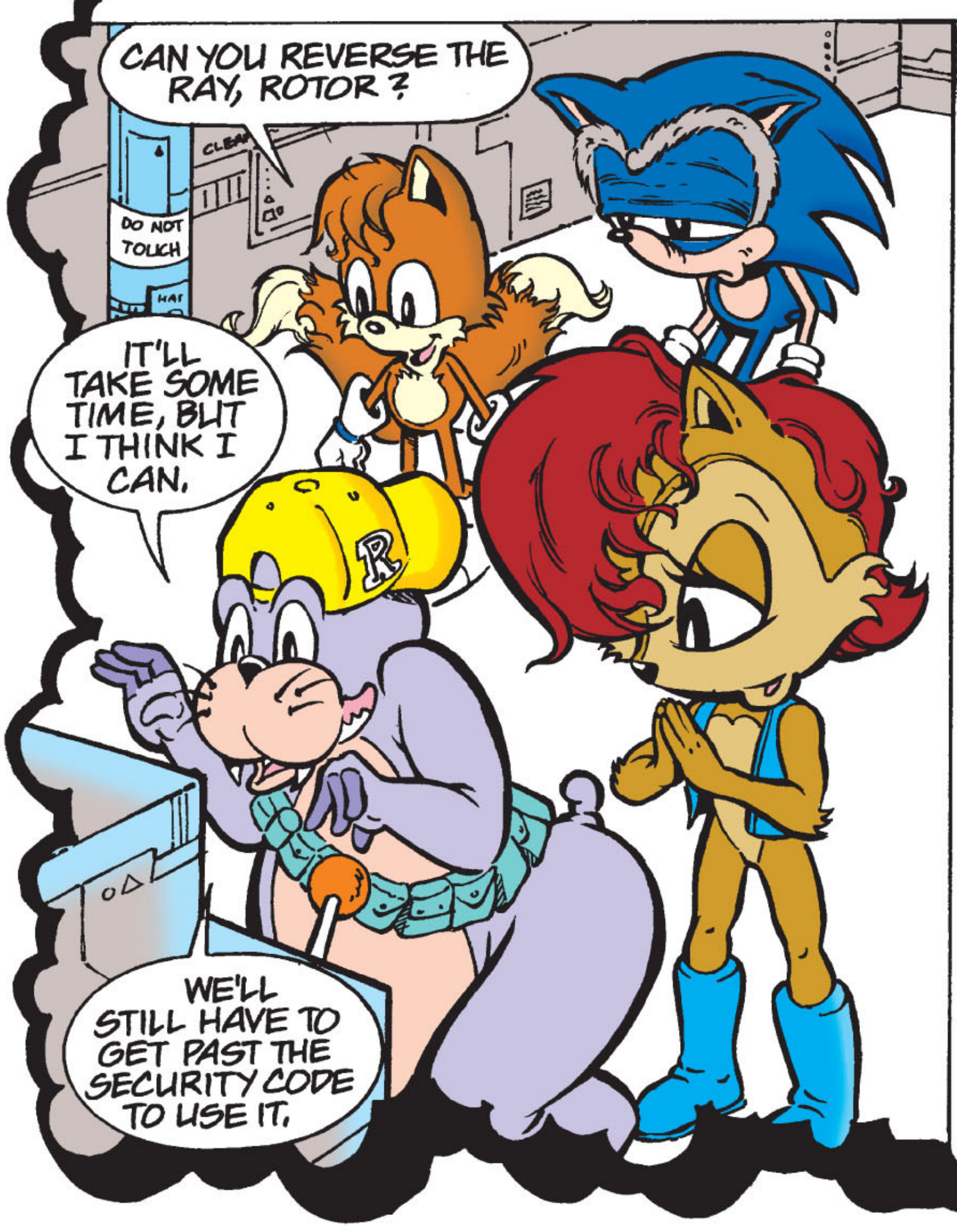


WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT MACHINE FAST. SONIC IS LOOKING WORSE BY THE MINUTE.

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, PRINCESS SALLY, WE'LL FIND IT!



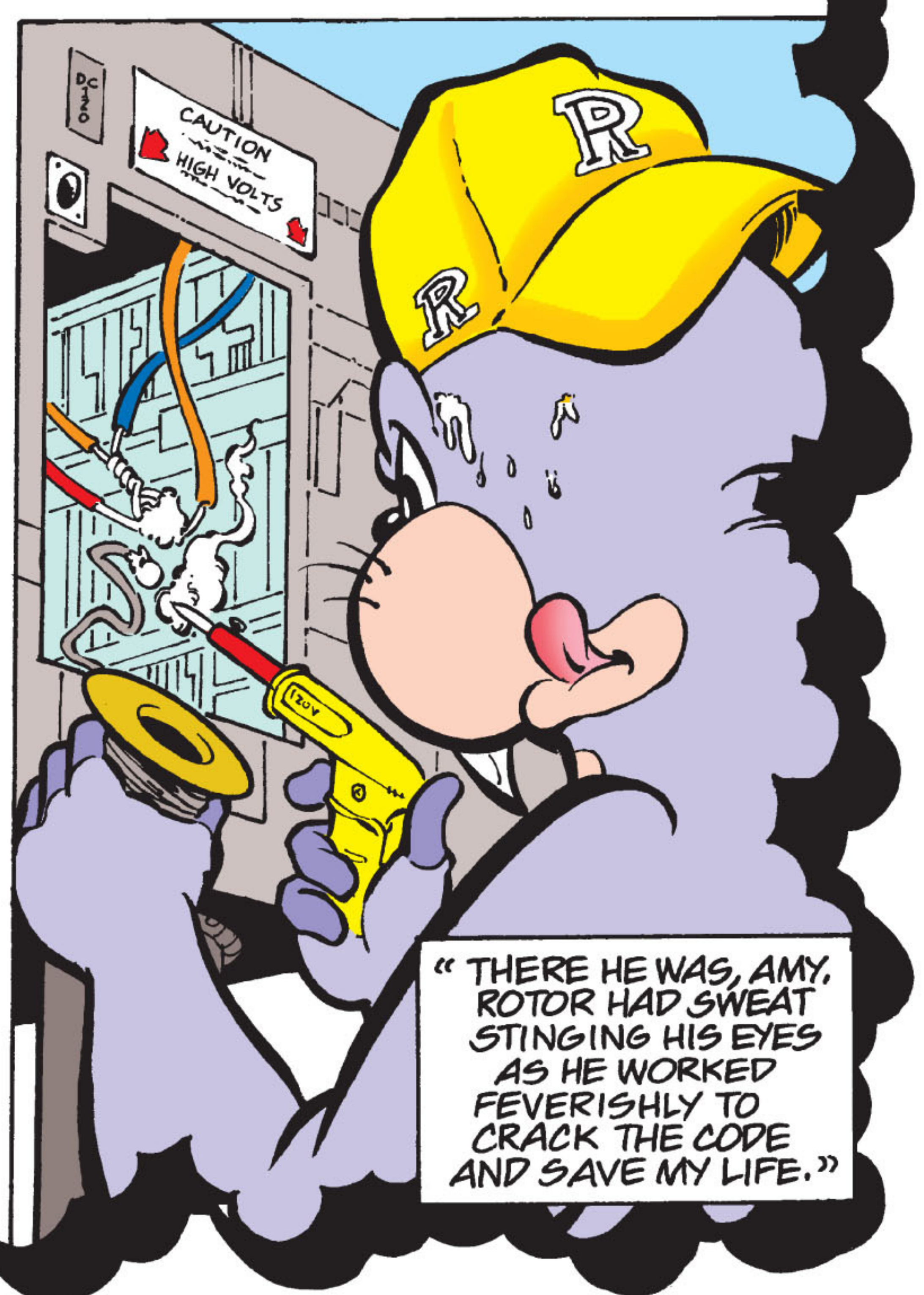
HEY, GUYS! I THINK THIS IS IT!



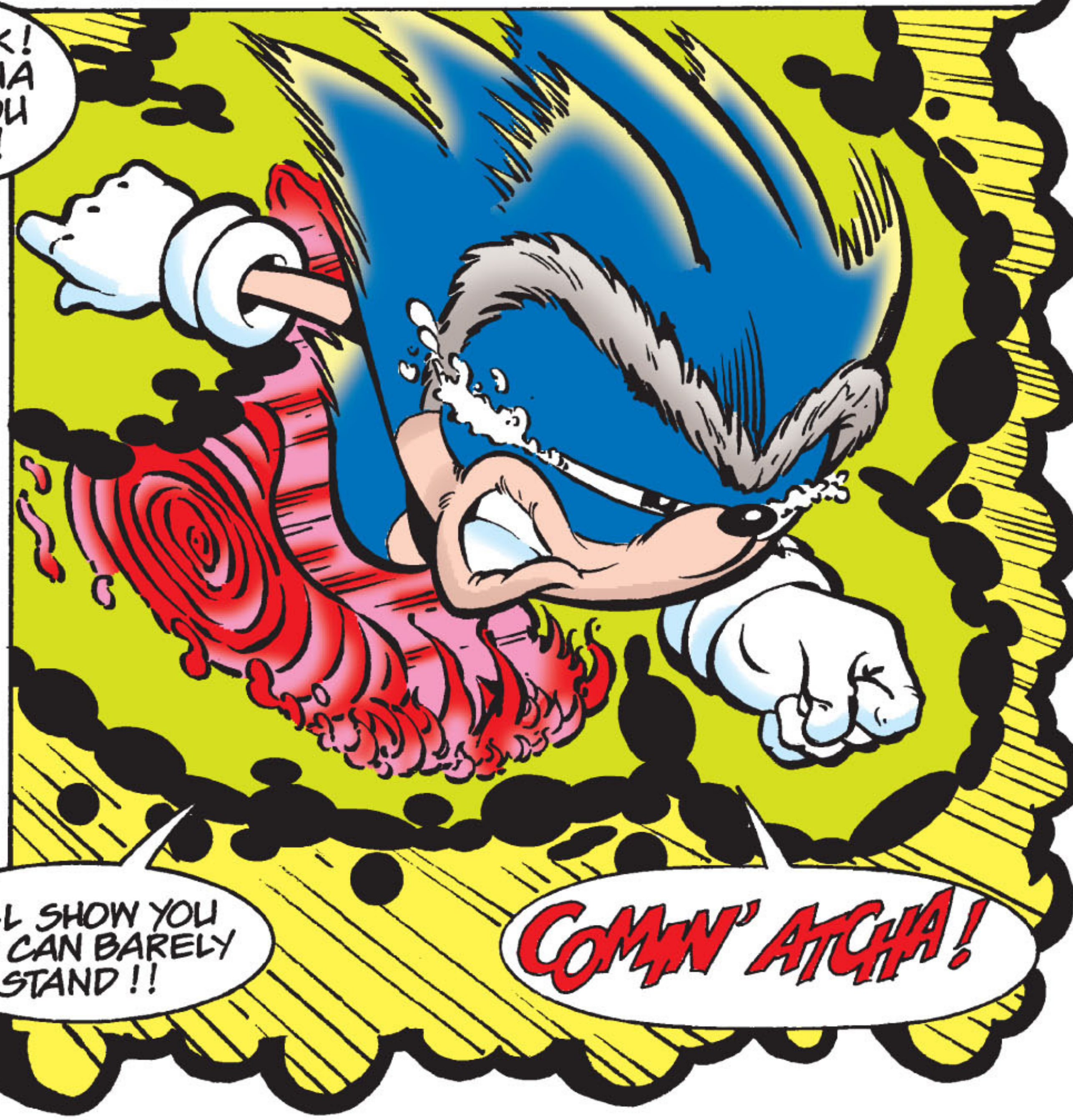
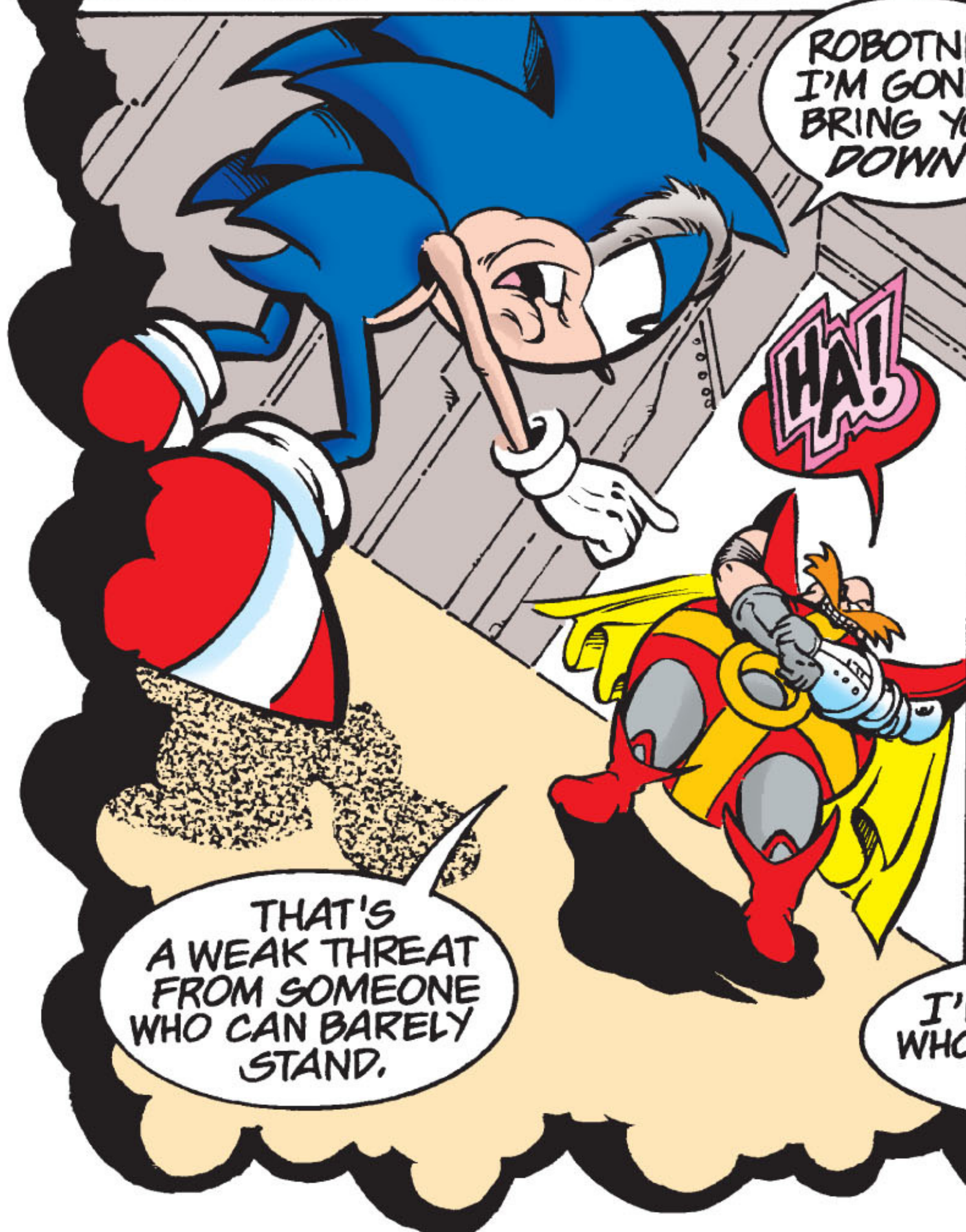
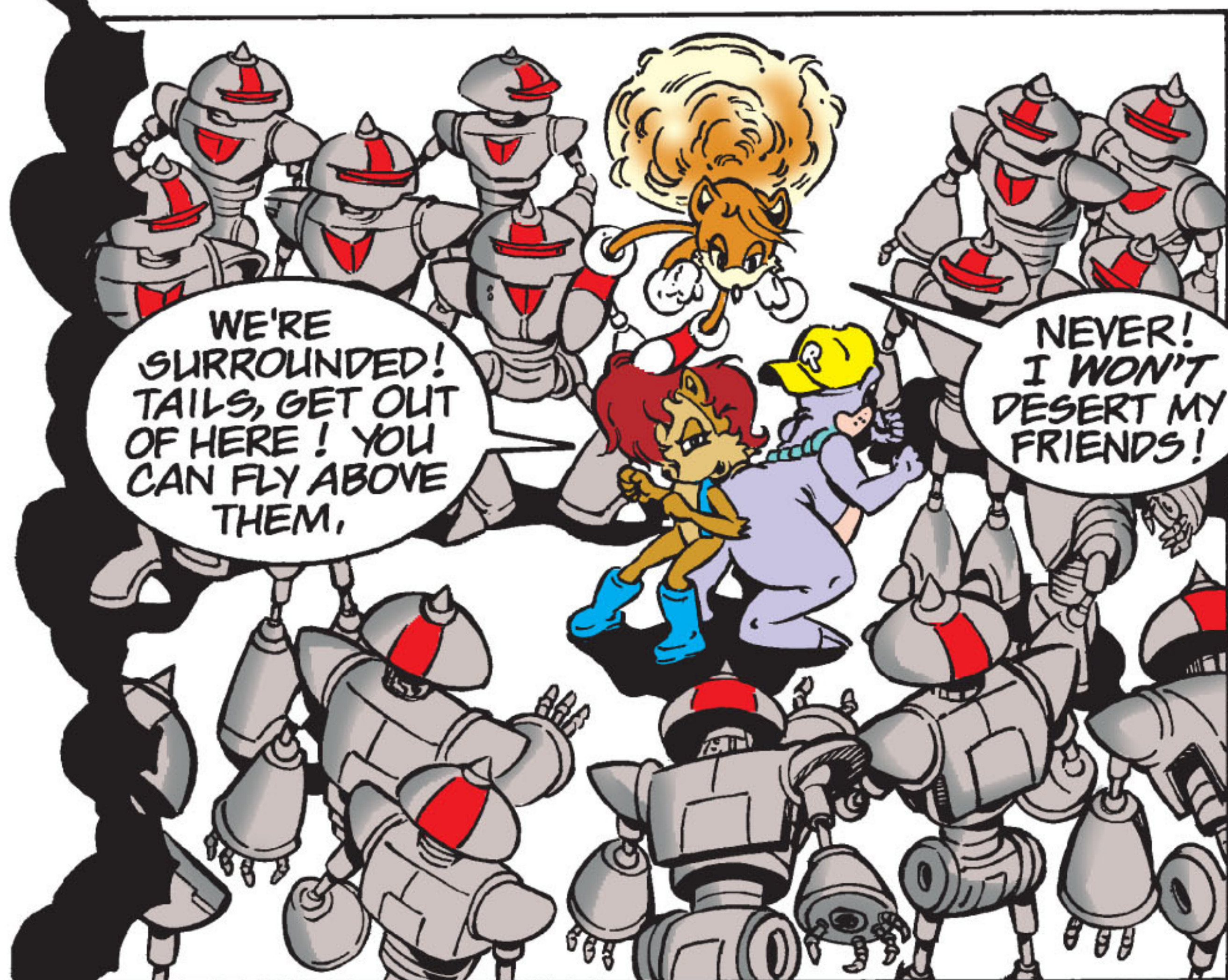
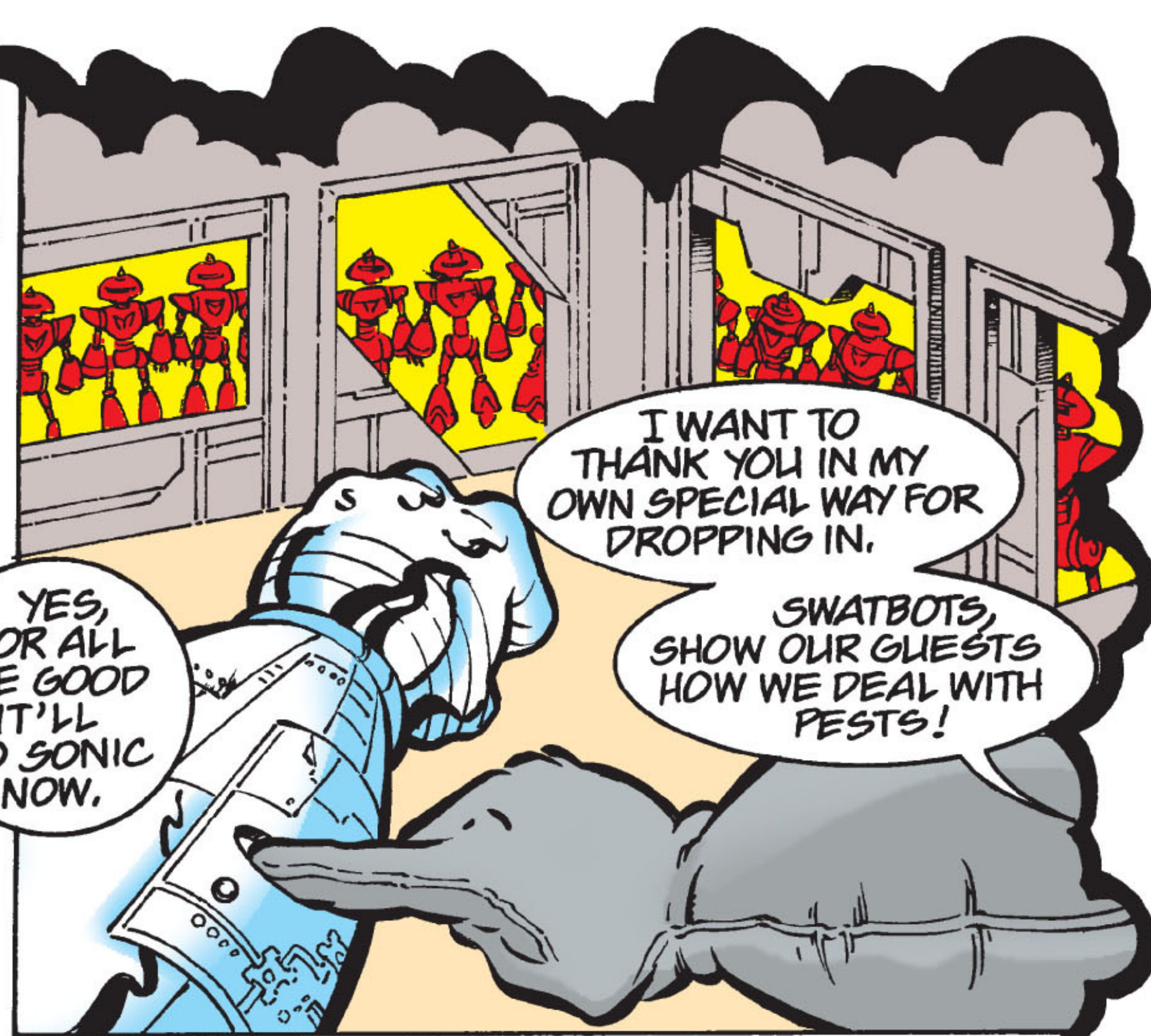
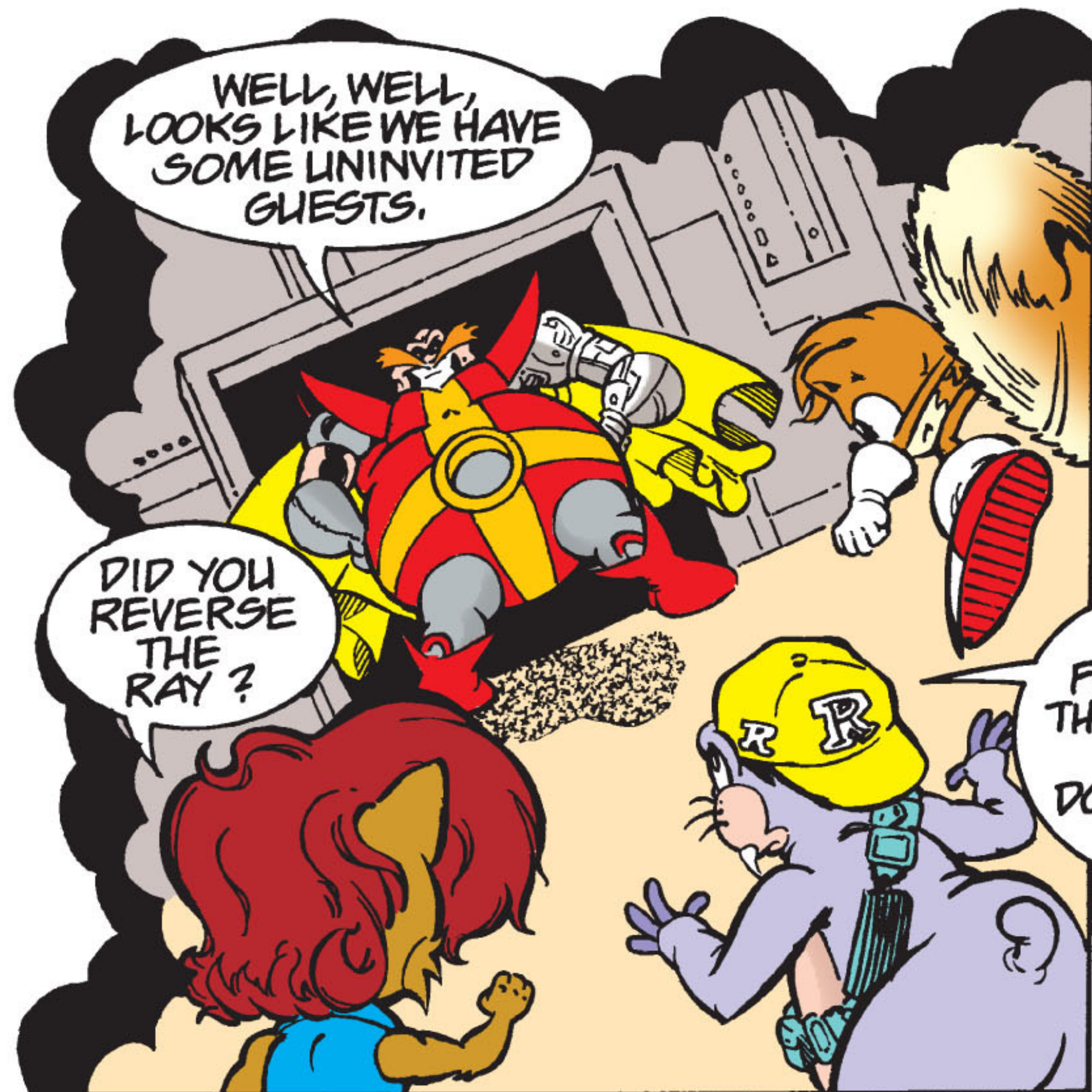
CAN YOU REVERSE THE RAY, ROTOR?

IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME, BUT I THINK I CAN.

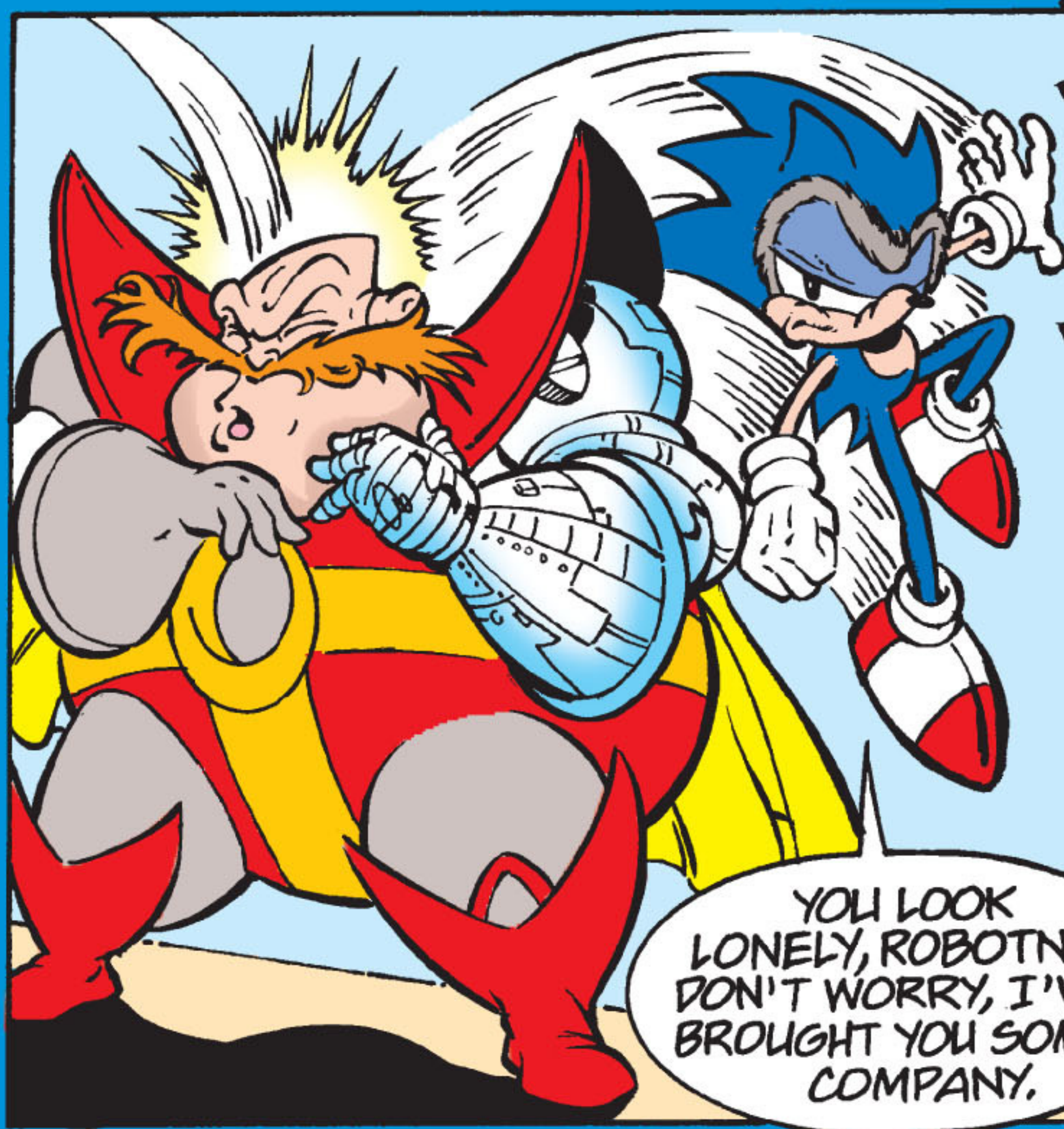
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO GET PAST THE SECURITY CODE TO USE IT.



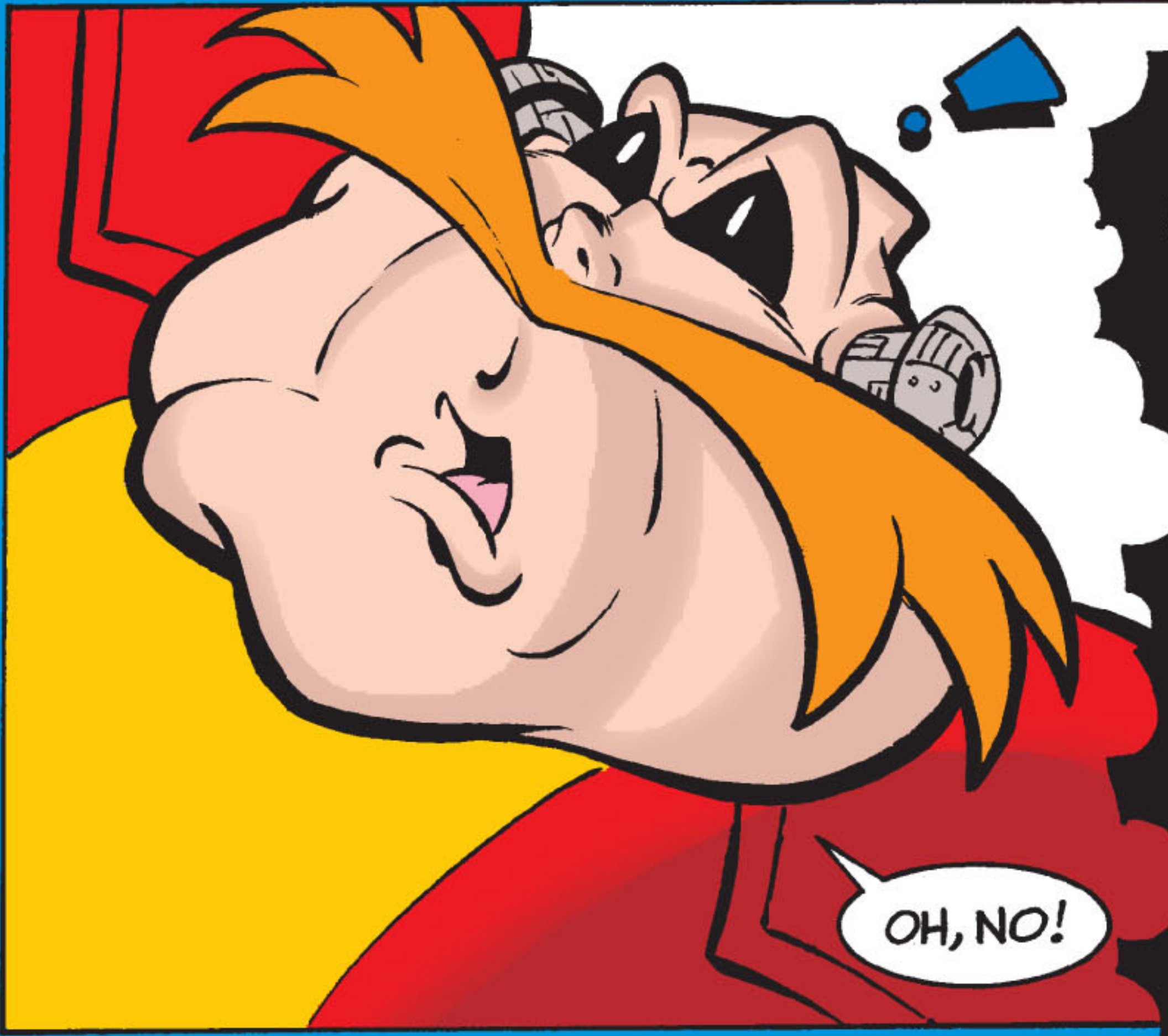
"THERE HE WAS, AMY. ROTOR HAD SWEAT STINGING HIS EYES AS HE WORKED FEVERISHLY TO CRACK THE CODE AND SAVE MY LIFE."



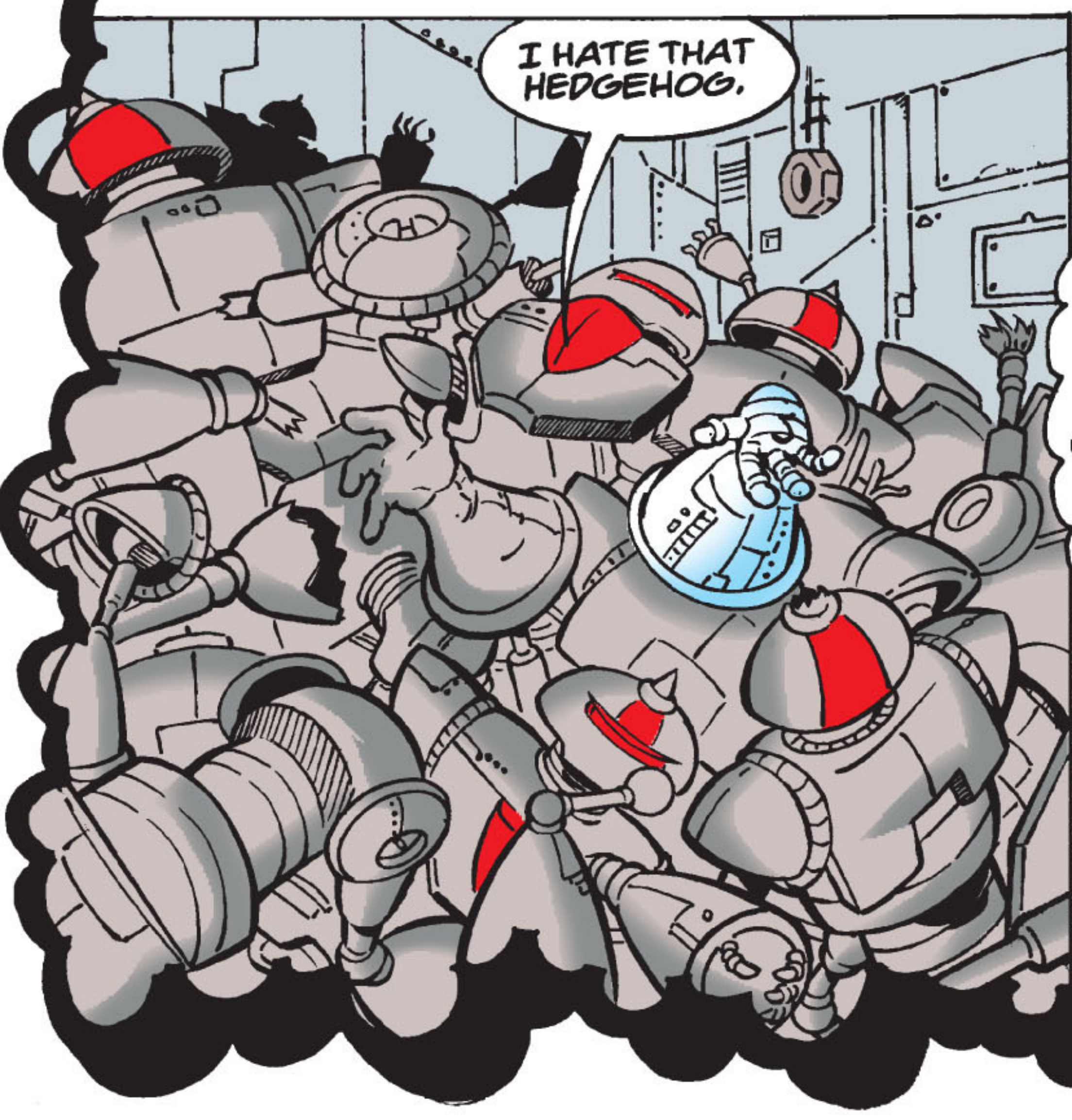
"EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING WAS SCREAMING AS I FORCED MYSELF TO SUPER-SUPER SPEED ONE FINAL TIME."



YOU LOOK LONELY, ROBOTNIK. DON'T WORRY, I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME COMPANY.

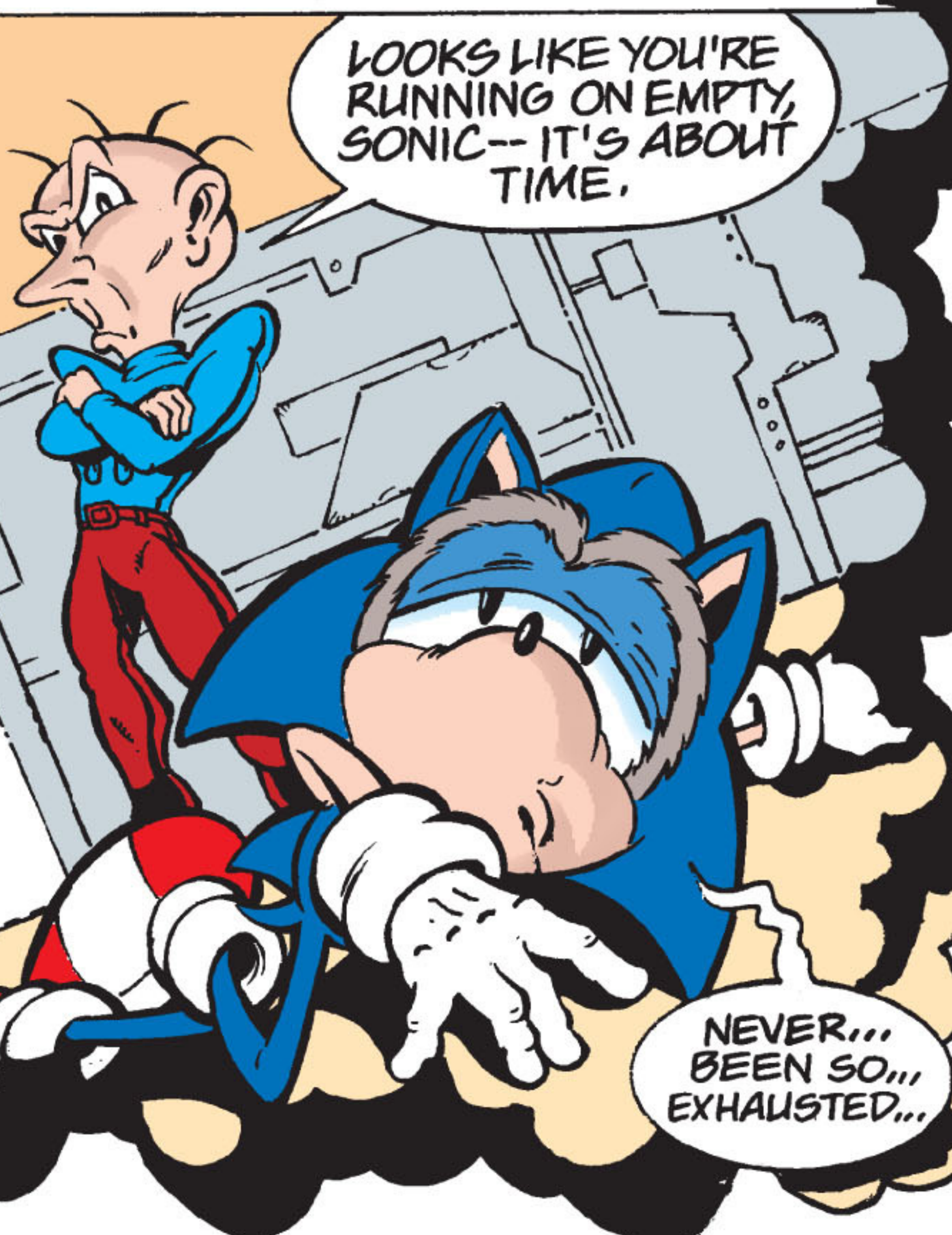


OH, NO!



I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG.

I'VE GOT TO THINK QUICK. HOW CAN I GET SNIVELY TO ENTER THE SECURITY CODE?



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RUNNING ON EMPTY, SONIC-- IT'S ABOUT TIME.

NEVER... BEEN SO... EXHAUSTED...

PLEASE, I CAN'T STAND TO SEE SONIC IN SUCH PAIN. USE THE RAY ON HIM AGAIN AND PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY.

MY PLEASURE, ANOTHER DOSE AND SONIC IS NO MORE! HEH, HEH.

DON'T WORRY, SONIC, WITH THE RAY IN REVERSE--

BUT... BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU SHOULD BE DEAD!

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN YOU HAVE GREAT FRIENDS LIKE I DO, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

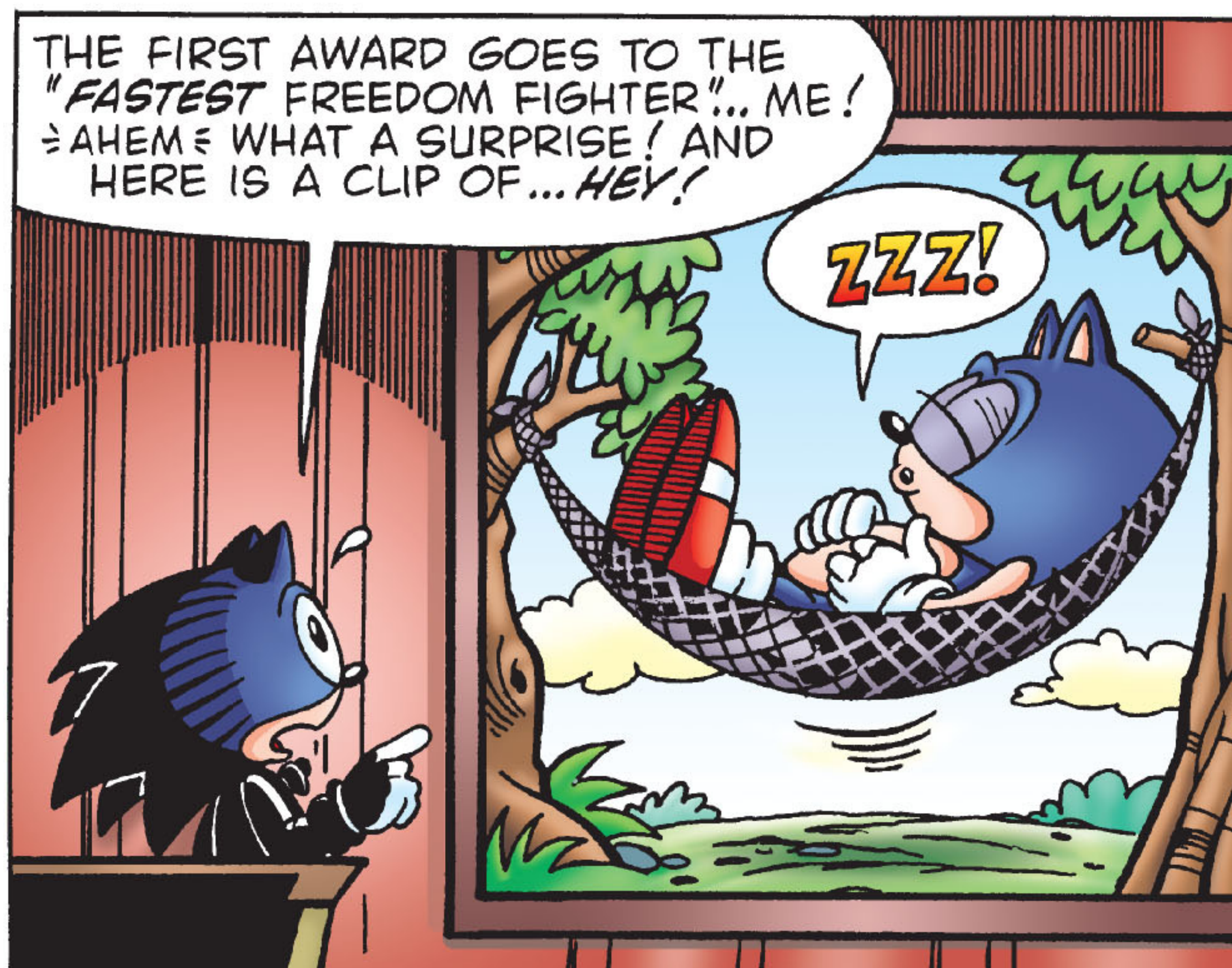
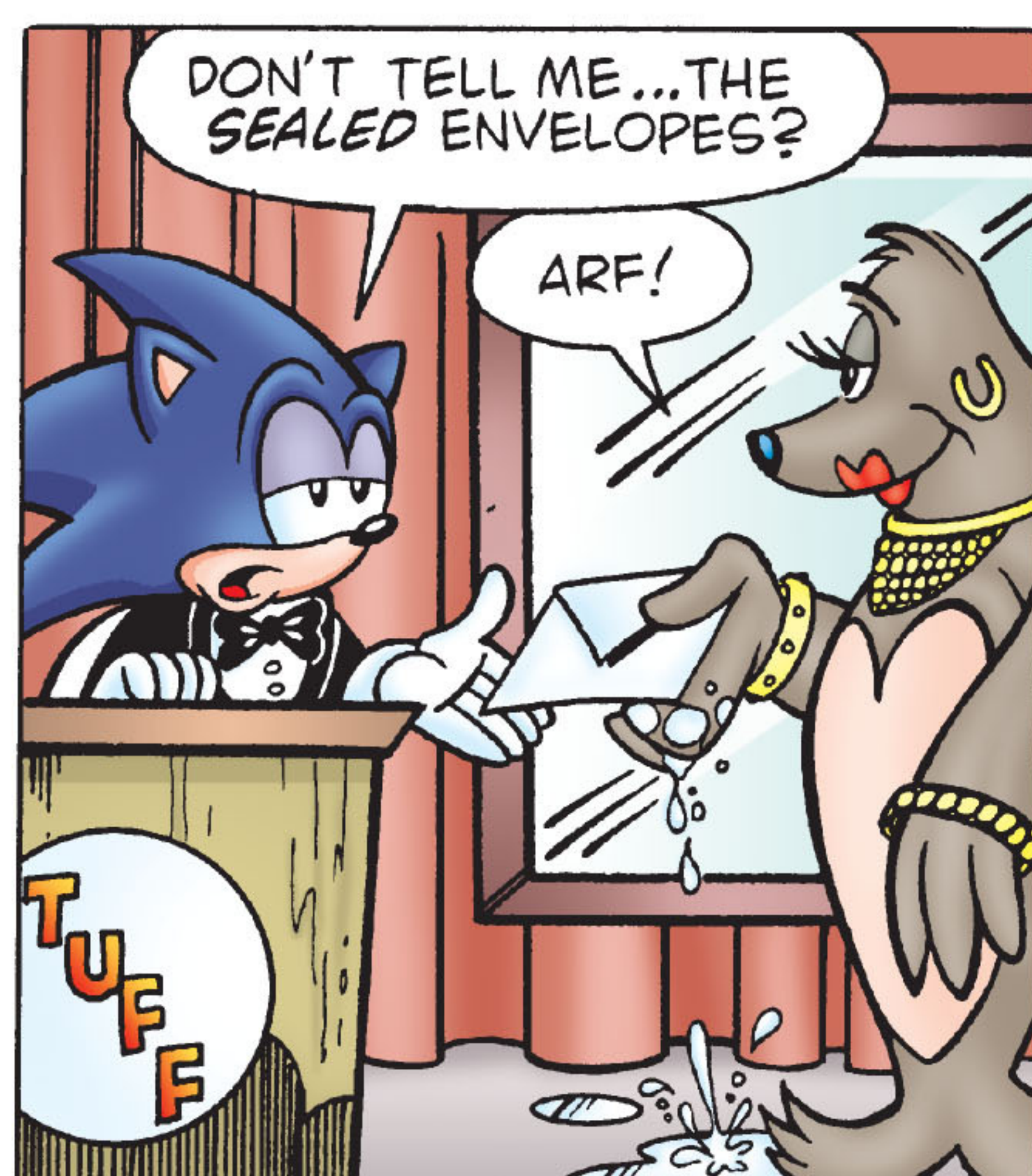
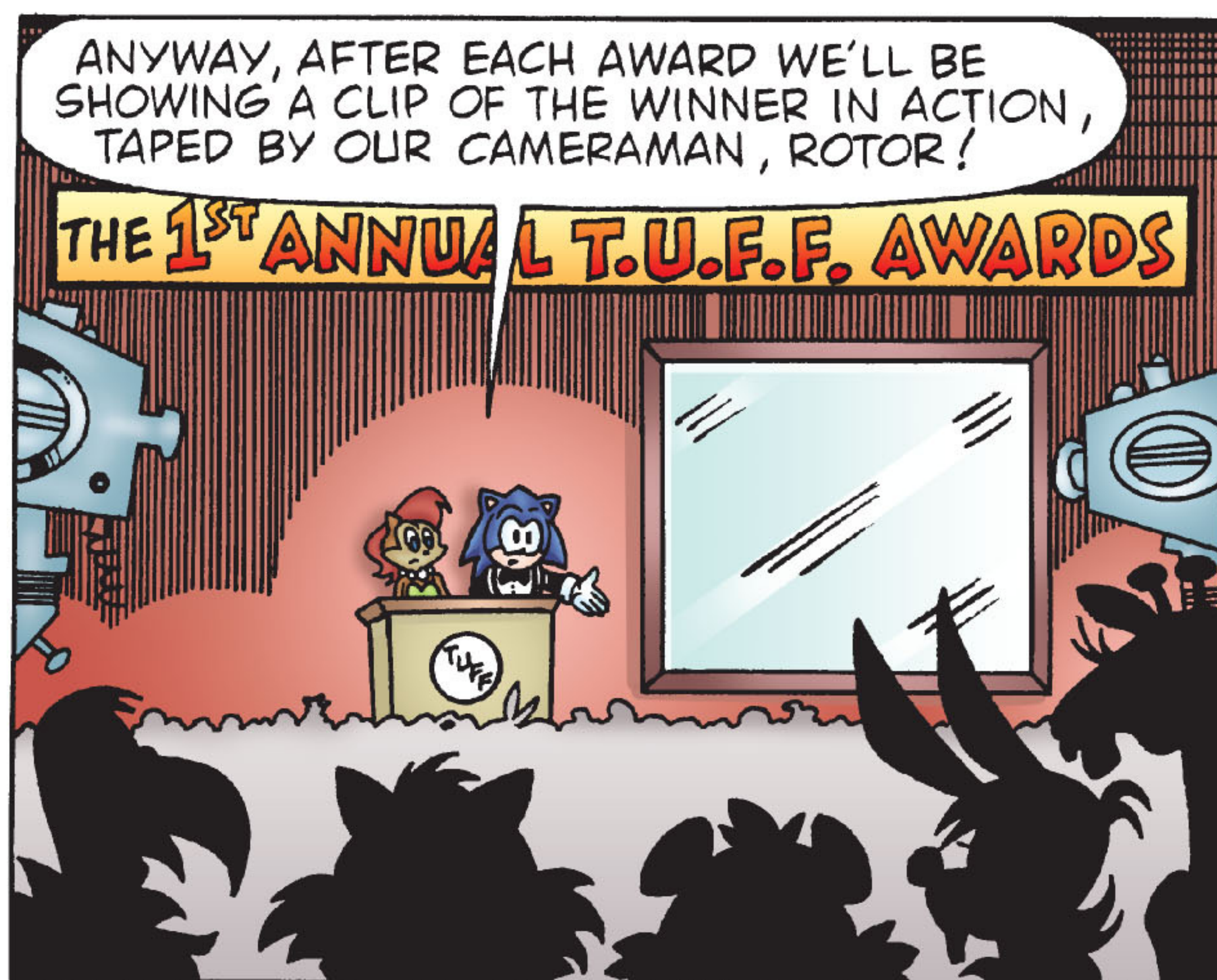
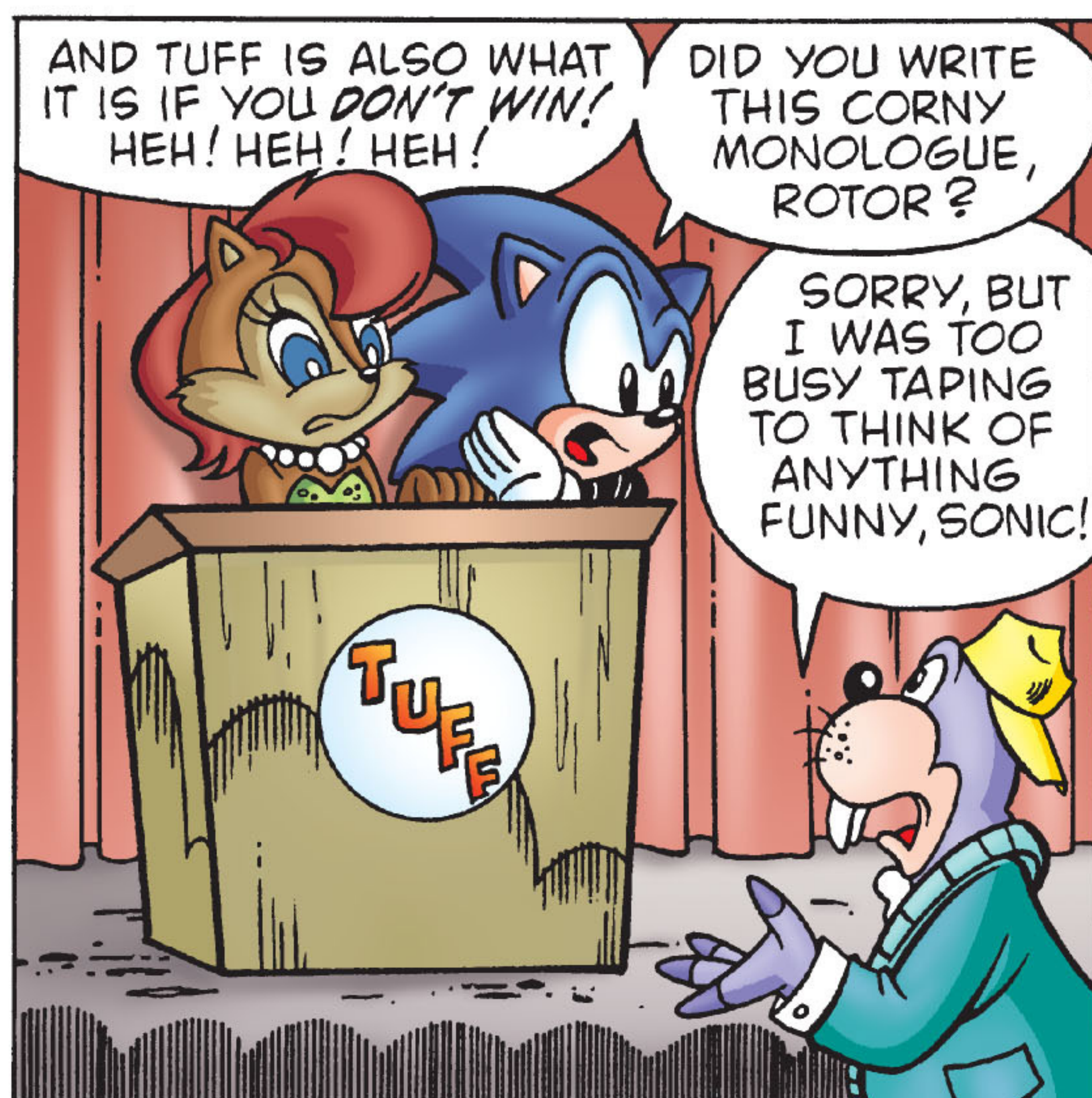
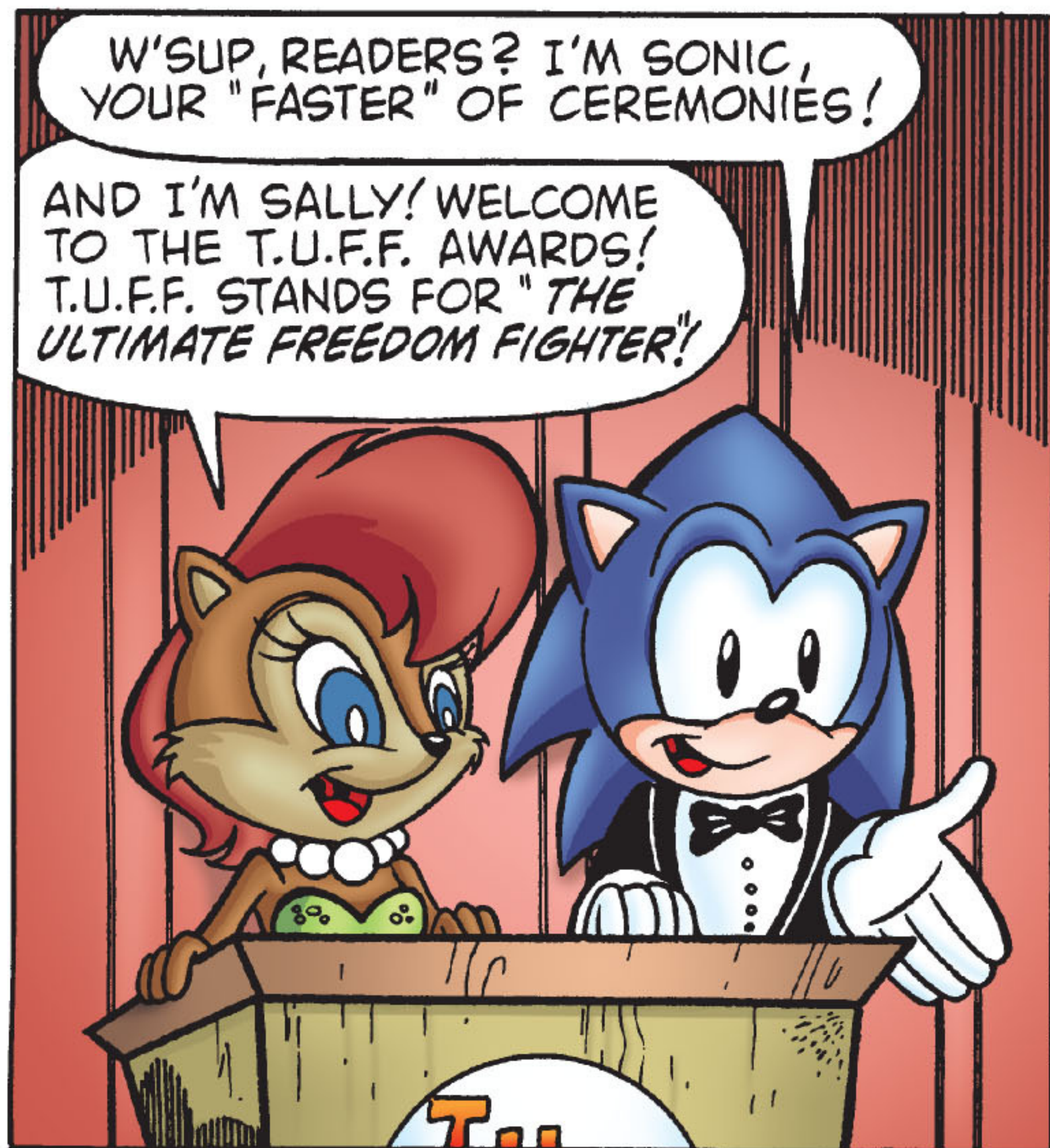
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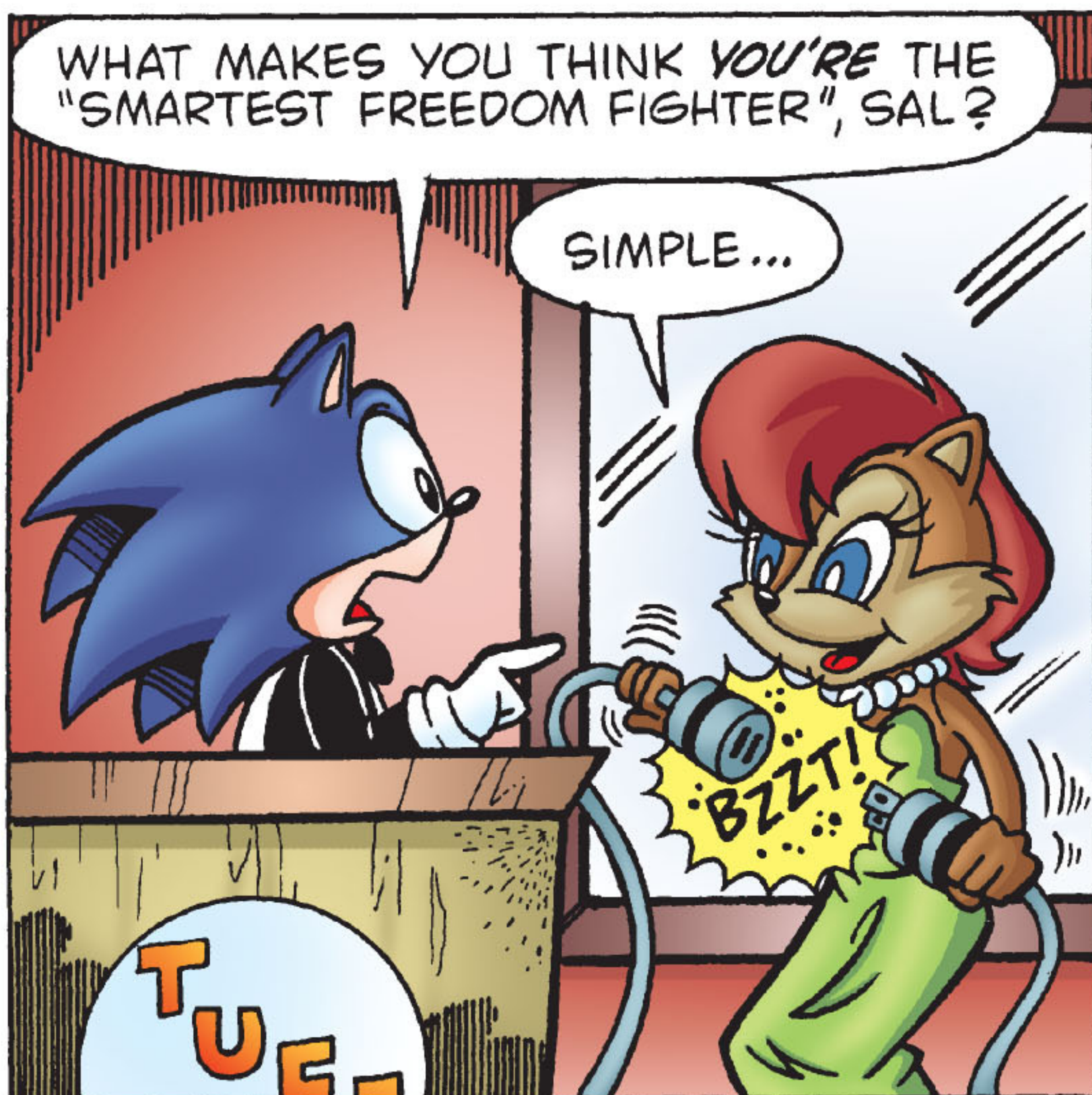
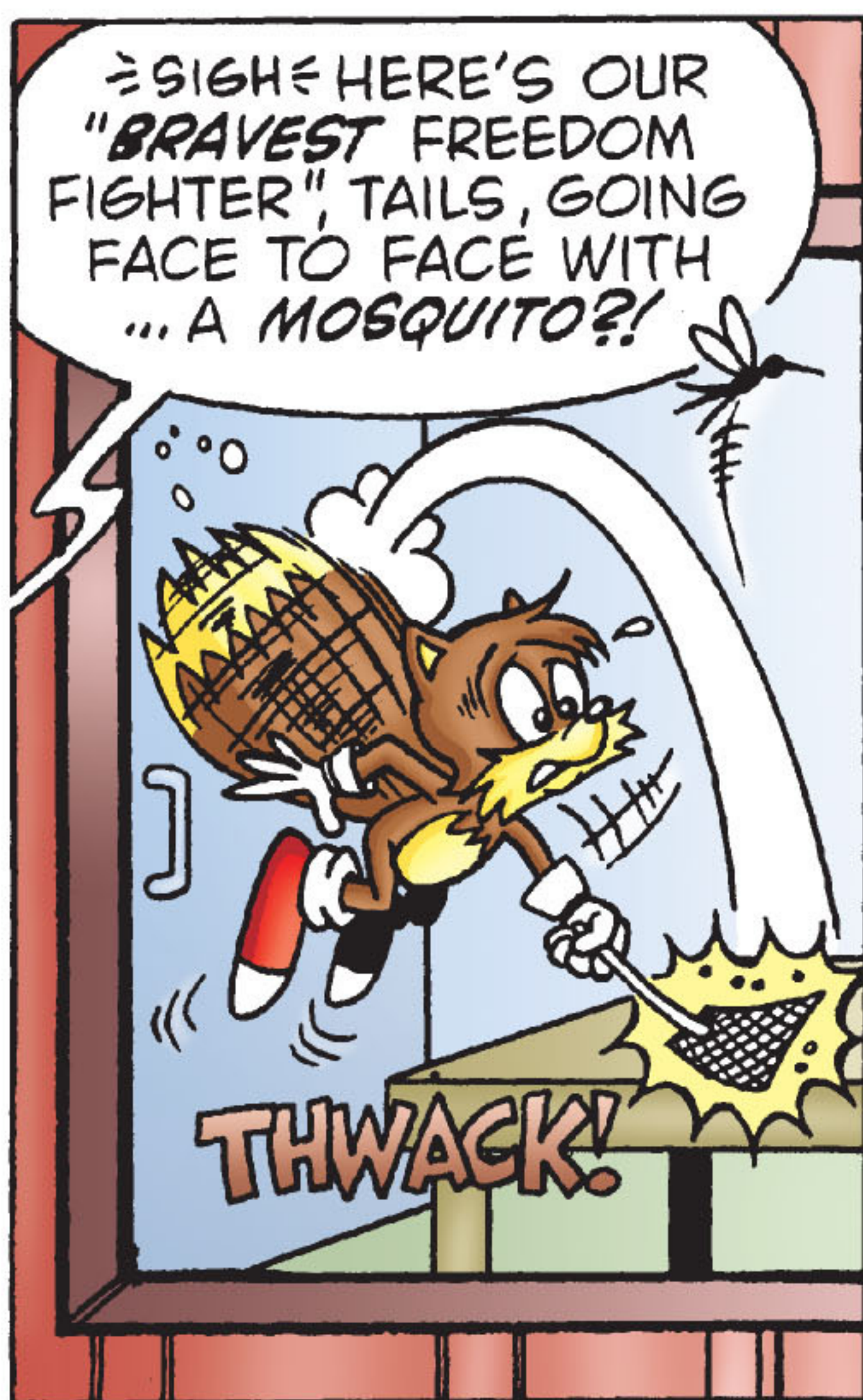
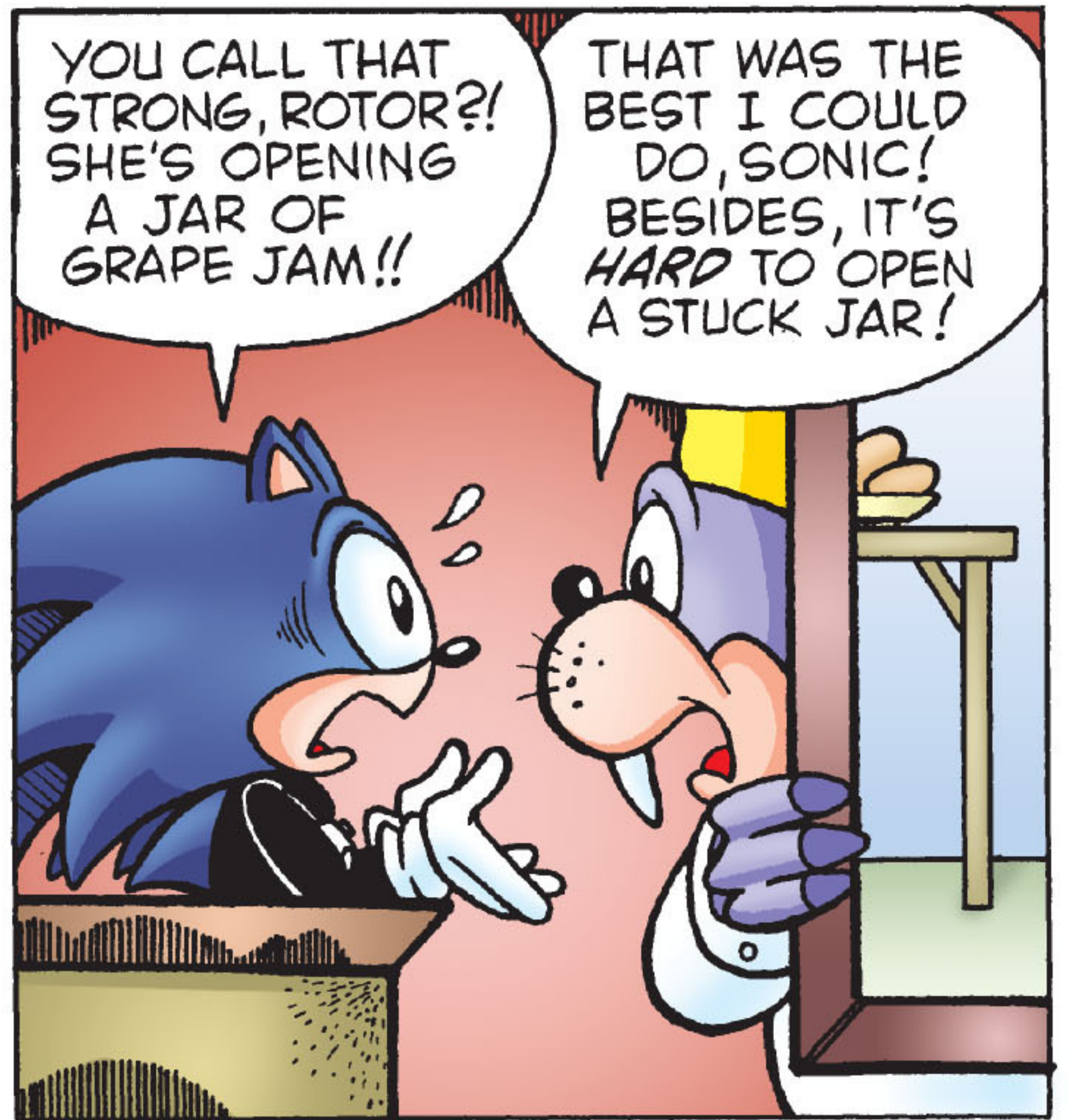
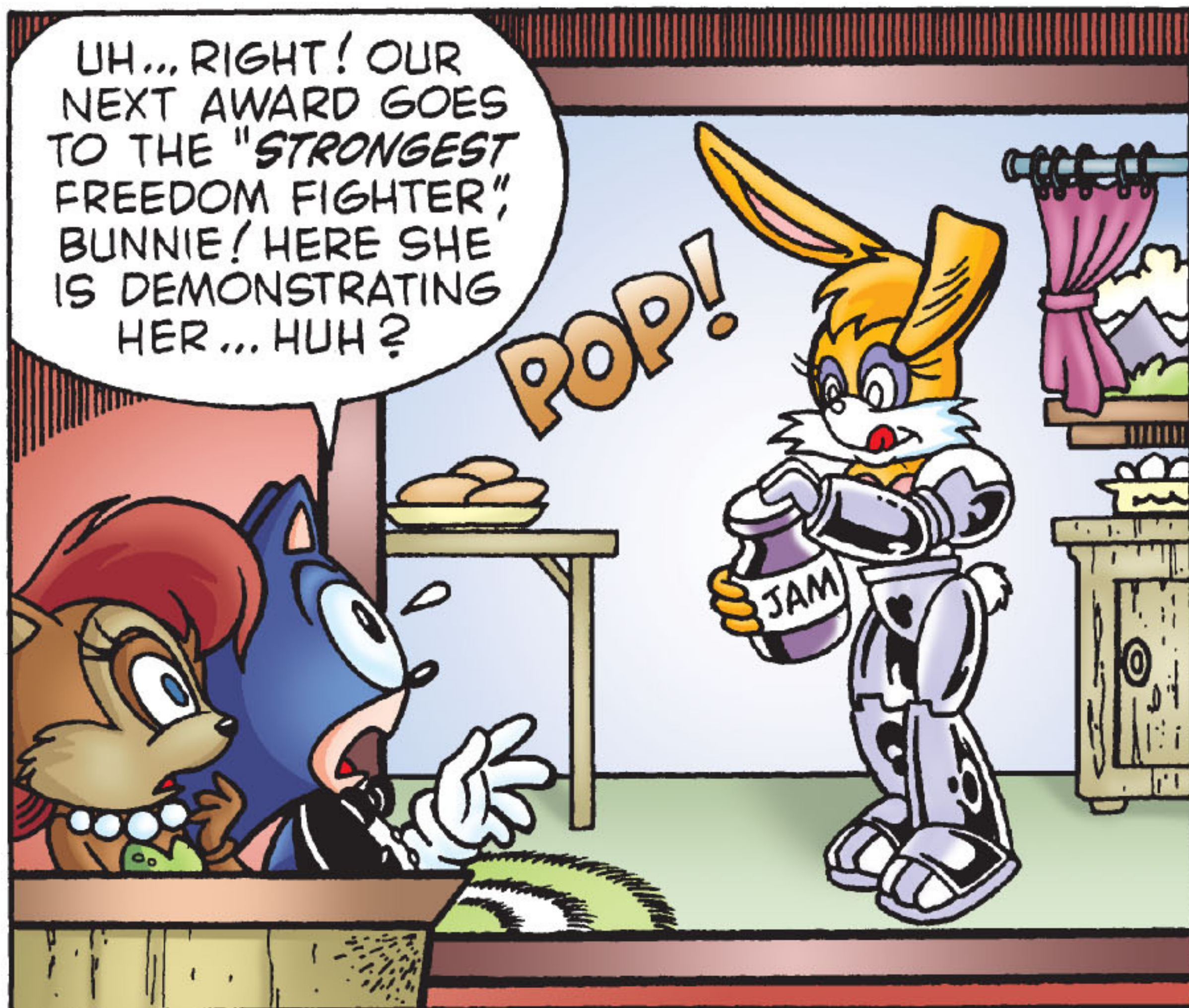
THANKS, SNIVELY! IT FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK UP TO SPEED AGAIN!

OH, SONIC, I JUST LOVE YOUR STORIES. TELL ME MORE!

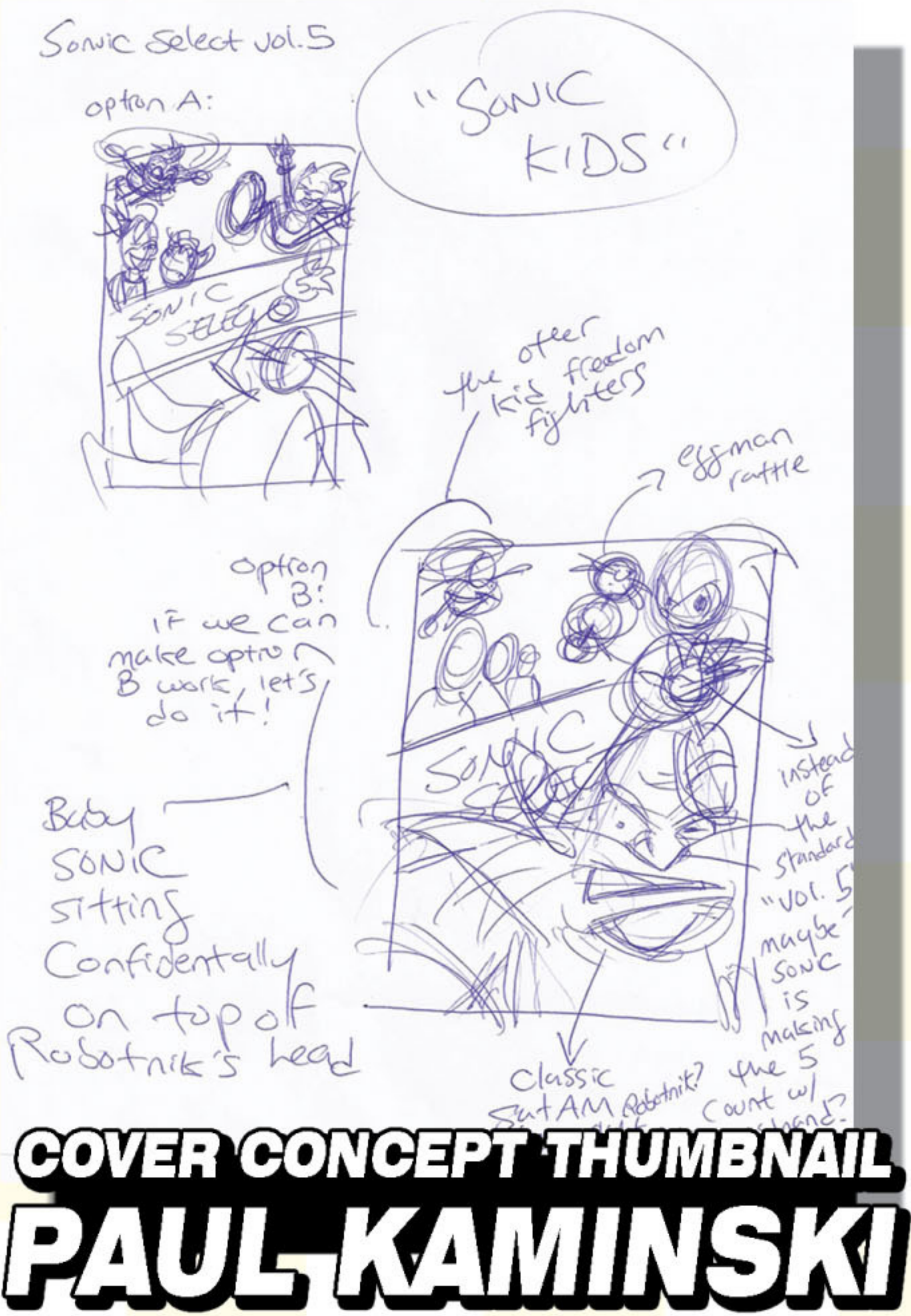
OKAY, BUT I'LL TRY NOT TO SPEED THROUGH THIS ONE. HA HA HA!

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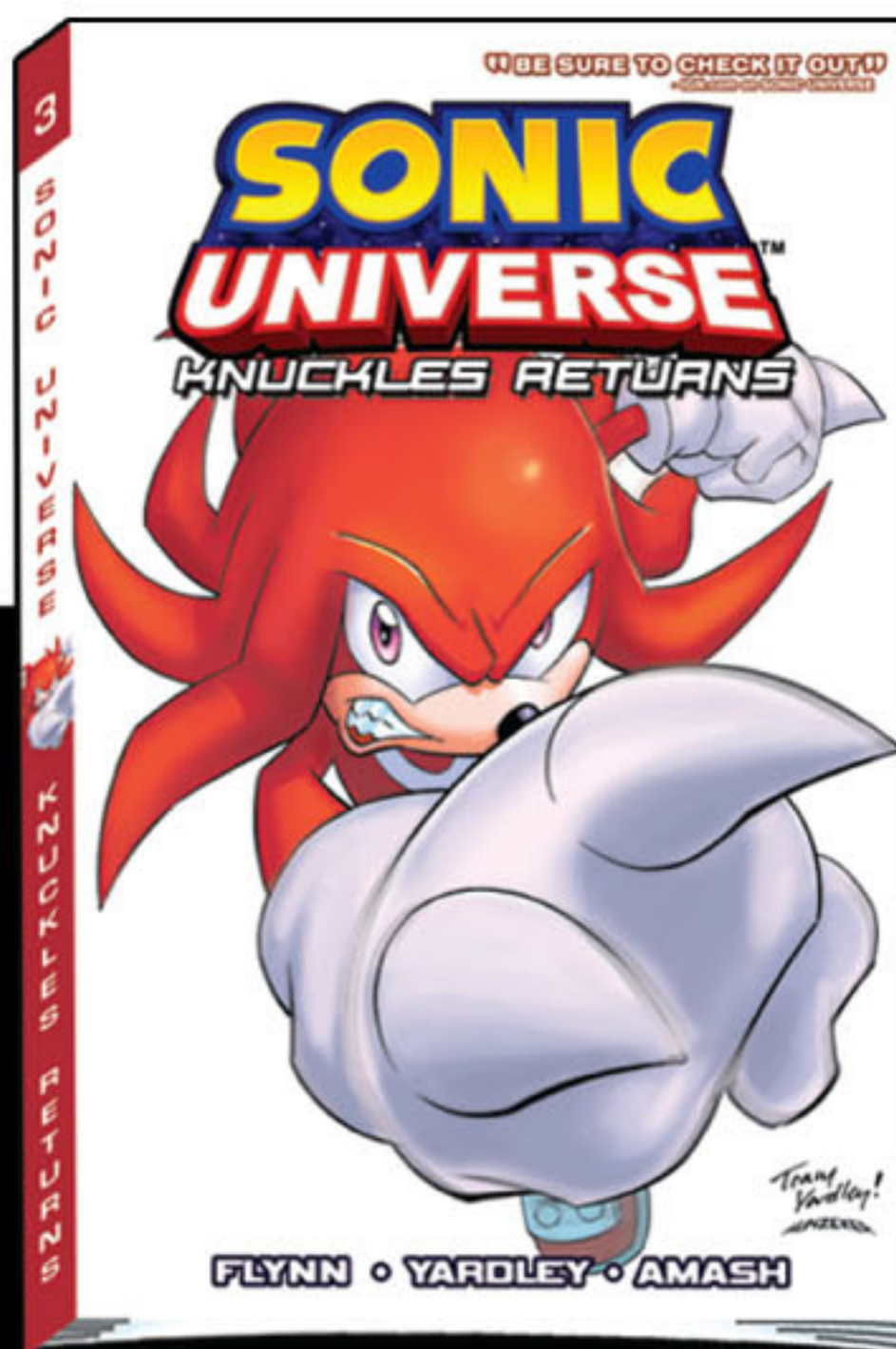
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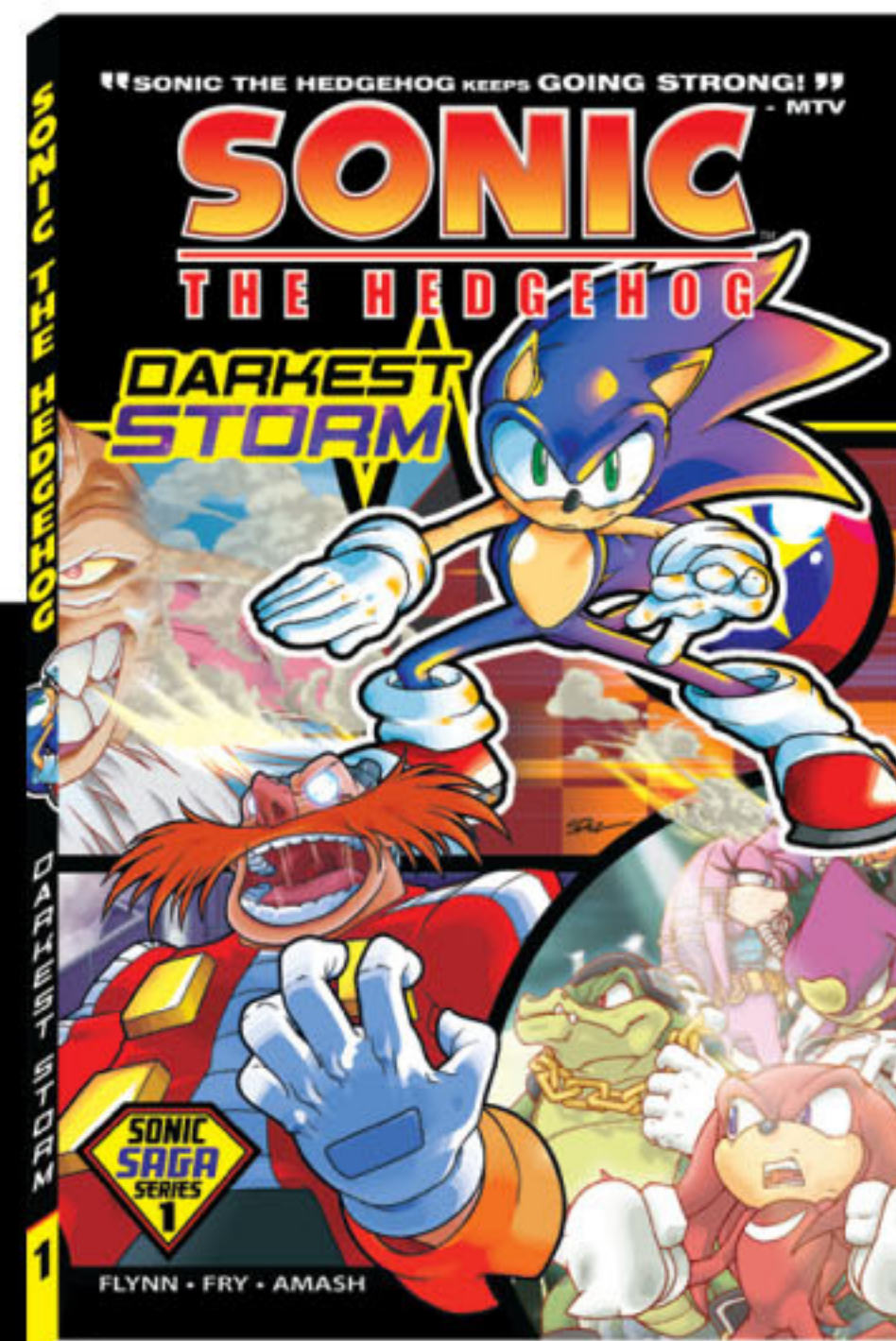
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